

**The Potential Regulatory Role of microRNA
in Methamphetamine Use Disorder (MUD)**

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Abstract

Methamphetamine (MA) is a psychostimulant affecting the central nervous system. Individuals with methamphetamine use disorder (MUD) present compulsive substance-seeking behaviour and impaired control over use. Use of MA is associated with symptoms such as euphoria, hyperalertness and impairments in executive function and working memory. MA is a common substance of abuse in South Africa. MUD is a multifactorial psychiatric condition with its aetiology involving a complex interplay between genes and environmental factors. Evidence suggests that mechanisms regulating behavioural abnormalities associated with MUD involve changes in gene expression throughout the brain's reward circuitry. Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have revealed genes that may be involved in MUD. Additionally, a role has been established for epigenetic mechanisms, such as miRNA, mediating the effects of MA on the brain. There is an increase in studies investigating miRNA involvement in MUD. Considering links between environment, miRNA and neuropsychiatric disorders and the overlap in the molecular pathways of these disorders, it is likely that these pathways are regulated differently resulting in their differing clinical manifestations. Hence, this study aimed to elucidate the role of miRNA-mediated regulation in MUD and further disentangle the molecular underpinnings of MUD in a South African context. This was accomplished through a regression analysis of data from a local cohort with a diagnosis of MUD before performing *in silico* analyses on MUD data and a discovery cohort with cocaine use disorder (CUD); as both MA and cocaine are classed as psychostimulants. The MUD cohort was genotyped and imputed before being used in a regression analysis to identify single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) associated with MUD. Principle component analysis (PCA) was performed to investigate the effects of population stratification on the outcome of this analysis. Subsequently, associated SNPs from the MUD and CUD cohorts were investigated using *in silico* analyses to determine host genes for associated SNPs. These genes were compared to identify those exclusive to the MUD cohort, and were subsequently enriched to identify associated biological pathways and miRNA.

The regression analysis identified 510 SNPs approaching significant association ($p < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) with MUD. The genes identified in the MUD and CUD cohorts were compared, which led to the identification of 57 genes exclusively associated with the MUD cohort. These genes were found to be associated with several pathways involved in the aetiology of MUD such as autophagy and apoptosis. The genes were also regulated by miRNA previously associated with MUD.

In conclusion, this study was able to identify several miRNA and genes trending towards significance. These findings are consistent with the current literature on MUD and contribute to knowledge on the molecular underpinnings of MUD by highlighting differences between MUD and other stimulant use disorders. The findings identify an epigenetic component to MUD aetiology via miRNA and speak

to underlying regulatory networks involved in MUD aetiology. This is the first study investigating the molecular underpinnings of MUD in a South African cohort, indicating the potential for use of local populations to identify novel variants associated with miRNA-mediated regulation in MUD aetiology.

Opsomming

Methamphetamine (MA) is 'n psigostimulant wat die sentrale senuweestelsel beïnvloed. Persone met metamfetamien-gebruiksversteuring (MUD) bied kompulsiewe gedrag op soek na middels en verswakte beheer oor gebruik. Die gebruik van MA word geassosieer met simptome soos euforie, hiperalertiteit en gestremdhede in die uitvoerende funksie en werkgeheue. MA is 'n algemene misbruik in Suid-Afrika. MUD is 'n multifaktoriale psigiatriese toestand met sy etiologie wat 'n komplekse wisselwerking tussen gene en omgewingsfaktore behels. Getuienis dui daarop dat meganismes wat gedrags abnormaliteite reguleer wat verband hou met die spysverteringskanaal, veranderings in geenuitdrukking deur die hele brein se beloningskringloop behels. Genoomwye assosiasiestudies (GWAS) het gene geopenbaar wat by MUD betrokke kan wees. Daarbenewens is 'n rol gevestig vir epigenetiese meganismes, soos miRNA, wat die effekte van MA op die brein bemiddel. Daar is 'n toename in studies wat miRNA-betrokkenheid by MUD ondersoek. Met inagneming van skakels tussen omgewings-, miRNA- en neuropsigiatriese afwykings en die oorvleueling in die molekulêre weë van hierdie afwykings, is dit waarskynlik dat hierdie weë anders gereguleer word, wat lei tot hul verskillende kliniese manifestasies. Daarom het hierdie studie ten doel gehad om die rol van miRNA-bemiddelde regulering in MUD toe te lig en die molekulêre onderbou van MUD in 'n Suid-Afrikaanse konteks verder te ontwig. Dit is bewerkstellig deur 'n regressie-analise van data van 'n plaaslike kohort met 'n diagnose van MUD voordat dit in silico-analises op MUD-data uitgevoer is en 'n ontdekkingskohort met kokaïnegebruiksteuring (CUD); aangesien beide MA en kokaïne as psigostimulante geklassifiseer word. Die MUD-kohort is genotipeer en toegereken voordat dit in 'n regressie-analise gebruik is om enkel-nukleotied polimorfismes (SNP's) geassosieer met MUD te identifiseer. Beginselkomponentanalise (PCA) is uitgevoer om die gevolge van populasie-stratifikasie op die uitkoms van hierdie analise te ondersoek. Gevolglik is geassosieerde SNP's van die MUD- en CUD-kohorte ondersoek in silico-analises om gasheergenes vir geassosieerde SNP's te bepaal. Hierdie gene is vergelyk met die identifisering van dié wat eksklusief tot die MUD-kohort was, en is vervolgens verryk om gepaardgaande biologiese weë en miRNA te identifiseer.

Die regressie-analise het 510 SNP's geïdentifiseer wat beduidende assosiasie ($p < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) met MUD nader. Die gene wat in die MUD- en CUD-kohorte geïdentifiseer is, is vergelyk, wat gelei het tot die identifikasie van 57 gene wat eksklusief met die MUD-kohort verband hou. Daar is gevind dat hierdie gene geassosieer word met verskillende weë wat betrokke was by die etiologie van MUD, soos outofagie en apoptose. Die gene is ook gereguleer deur miRNA wat voorheen met MUD geassosieer is.

Ten slotte kon hierdie studie verskillende miRNA en gene identifiseer wat na betekenisvolheid was. Hierdie bevindinge strook met die huidige literatuur oor MUD en dra by tot kennis oor die molekulêre onderbou van MUD deur die verskille tussen MUD en ander stimulantegebruiksversteurings uit te lig. Die bevindinge identifiseer 'n epigenetiese komponent vir MUD-etiologie via miRNA en spreek tot onderliggende regulatoriese netwerke wat betrokke is by MUD-etiologie. Dit is die eerste studie wat die molekulêre onderbou van MUD in 'n Suid-Afrikaanse kohort ondersoek het, wat 'n aanduiding is van die potensiaal vir die gebruik van plaaslike populasies om nuwe variante te identifiseer wat verband hou met miRNA-bemiddelde regulering in MUD-etiologie.

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List of Acronyms

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder

BD – Bipolar Disorder

CUD – Cocaine Use Disorder

DNA – Deoxyribonucleic Acid

DSM-IV – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition

DSM-5 – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition

GAD – Genetic Association Database

GO – Gene Ontology

GWAS – Genome-wide Association Study

HWE – Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

MA - Methamphetamine

MAF – Minor Allele Frequency

MDD – Major Depressive Disorder

mRNA – Messenger RNA

miRNA – Micro RNA

miR – Micro RNA (prefix)

MUD – Methamphetamine Use Disorder

NP – Neuropsychiatric

nt – Nucleotide

PCA – Principle Component Analysis

PGC – Psychiatric Genomics Consortium

SNP – Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

SUD – Substance Use Disorder

SZ - Schizophrenia

UTR – Untranslated Region

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Chapter 1 Literature Review

1.1 Introduction

With the increasing awareness of mental disorders it is not surprising to find that there is currently an increase in the incidence of neuropsychiatric (NP) disorders (Baxter *et al.*, 2013). Studies have indicated that groups of individuals in the lower tiers of social hierarchies tend to suffer harsher psychological stressors; this is of paramount importance in countries like South Africa where there is a history of political and social marginalisation and oppression (Lanesman *et al.*, 2019). This adversity is associated with an increase in vulnerability to mental disorders like substance use disorders (SUD).

The 5th edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) defines SUD as a condition spanning a wide variety of problems arising from taking the substance in larger amounts or for longer than was meant, loss of control over use (i.e. wanting to cut down or stop using the substance but not managing to, and development of withdrawal symptoms, which can be relieved by taking more of the substance), spending a lot of time getting, using, or recovering from use of the substance, cravings and urges to use the substance and continuing to use despite impairment in social, occupational, or recreational activities (APA, 2013; Prom-Wormley *et al.*, 2017). Individuals using methamphetamine (MA) experience multiple symptoms such as euphoria, increased alertness, lack of appetite, deficits in episodic memory and impairments of executive function (Farhadian *et al.*, 2017). The levels of impairment to memory and executive function may depend on the amount of time an individual has been abusing MA and often lead to difficulties during treatment due to the problems caused by episodic memory and executive function impairments (Farhadian *et al.*, 2017). MUD has been associated with impairments to social, work and family functionality at interpersonal, intrapersonal and community levels (Sommers, Baskin and Baskin-Sommers, 2006; Watt *et al.*, 2015).

Substance abuse is associated with severe socioeconomic and public health problems particularly in South Africa where a study found that 4.4% (n = 26453) of individuals had used illicit substances with 0.8% of individuals having used MA, within the last 3 months (Peltzer and Phaswana-Mafuya, 2018). Of the substances abused locally, MA is one of the more commonly abused; this is especially evident in the Western Cape where 33% of individuals seeking specialist substance abuse treatment is due to either MA-induced psychosis or methamphetamine use disorder (MUD) (Thomas *et al.*, 2016). Methamphetamine is a highly addictive psychostimulant affecting various monoamine neurotransmitter systems, such as dopamine and serotonin, and results in feelings of alertness, increasing energy, and euphoria (Yu *et al.*, 2015). In DSM-5 MUD is classified as a stimulant use disorder along with cocaine use disorder (CUD) (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). This is

due to the overarching clinical similarities between stimulant class drug effects (American Psychiatric Association, 2013; Jensen, 2016; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2016). The DSM diagnostic criteria for MUD have changed over the several editions of the DSM, with several minimum criteria required for diagnosis changing across editions. For example, the DSM-5 combined the previously separate MUD and CUD into a single category (stimulant use disorder) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2016). The overall changes between the DSM-IV and DSM-5 relating to SUDs can be demonstrated by Table 1 below (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2016).

Table 1: Modified version of Table 2.1 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2016) detailing the differences relating to SUDs between the DSM-IV and DSM-5; notably several criteria relating to diagnosis underwent changes and MUD and CUD were combined under stimulant use disorder.

| Characteristic | DSM-IV | DSM-5 |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Disorder Class | Substance-related disorders, included only SUDs | Substance-related and addictive disorders class now includes SUDs and gambling disorder (formerly pathological gambling) |
| Disorder Types | Abuse and dependence hierarchical diagnostic rules meant that people ever meeting criteria for dependence did not receive a diagnosis of abuse for the same class of substance | SUD, substance abuse and dependence have been eliminated in favour of a single diagnosis, SUD |
| Substances Assessed | 11 classes of substances assessed, plus 2 additional categories | 10 classes of substances assessed, plus 2 additional categories |
| | • Alcohol | • Alcohol |
| | • Amphetamine and similar sympathomimetics | • Stimulant use disorder, which includes amphetamines (including methamphetamine), cocaine, and other stimulants |

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| | • Caffeine (intoxication only) | • Caffeine (intoxication and withdrawal) |
| | • Cannabis (no withdrawal syndrome) | • Cannabis (with withdrawal syndrome) |
| | • Cocaine | • Combined with other stimulants (e.g., amphetamines) under stimulant use disorder |
| | | |
| | • Hallucinogens • Phencyclidine and similar arylcyclohexylamines | • Separated into phencyclidine use disorder and other hallucinogen use disorder |
| | • Inhalants (no withdrawal syndrome) | • Inhalants (no withdrawal syndrome) |
| | • Nicotine (dependence only) | • Tobacco |
| | • Opioids | • Opioids |
| | | |
| | | • Merged with hallucinogens |
| | • Sedatives, hypnotics, and anxiolytics | • Sedatives, hypnotics, and anxiolytics |
| | | |
| | • Other drug abuse/dependence | • Any other SUD |
| | • Polysubstance dependence | • Dropped polysubstance use disorder |
| Disorders Assessed | Substance abuse: One or more symptoms Substance dependence: Three or more symptoms in the same 12-month period (or one symptom if dependence criteria have been met previously in the lifetime) | SUD: Two out of 11 criteria clustering in a 12-month period are needed to meet disorder threshold |
| Severity | No severity criteria | Severity is assessed in terms of the number of symptoms that meet criteria: |
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|----------------------------------|---|--|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild: two to three symptoms • Moderate: four to five symptoms • Severe: six or more symptoms |
| Additional Specifications | With or without physiological dependence, early full remission, early partial remission, sustained full remission, sustained partial remission, on agonist therapy, and in a controlled environment | - |

The clinical effects of MA use vary depending on length of use, method of usage and dosage used (Ciccarone, 2011). The higher the dosage used by individuals the greater the risk of negative effects, including psychological effects such as anxiety, paranoia and hallucinations (Hando, Topp and Hall, 1997). These negative effects may also include convulsions, cerebral haemorrhages and respiratory failure (Gay, 1982). Longer duration of use of MA can result in long-term deficits to attention, memory and controlled behaviour and other problems to the cardiovascular system, central nervous system, gastrointestinal system as well as skin and dental problems (Richards and Laurin, 2020). Higher dosages have been linked to enhanced negative effects, addiction, increased neurotoxicity, altered neuroplasticity and higher rates of consumption (García-Cabrerizo and García-Fuster, 2019). Smoking MA was also associated with more frequent usage and similar levels of negative effects when compared to injecting MA (McKetin *et al.*, 2008). The use of MA leads to a rapid release of neurotransmitters, such as dopamine and serotonin, inducing the various positive effects experienced by users as well as tachycardia and elevated blood-pressure (Romanelli and Smith, 2006). Use of MA also results in high neurotoxicity causing damage to the dopamine and serotonin neurons in the brain. Although this damage has been investigated in its relation to the central nervous system, relatively little is known about the underlying molecular mechanisms involved in the neurotoxicity caused by MA abuse (Yu *et al.*, 2015).

1.2 Understanding the molecular underpinnings of Methamphetamine Use Disorder

There is need for improved ways to manage and treat MUD, particularly in South Africa (Lanesman *et al.*, 2019). However, to do this, a greater understanding of the molecular underpinnings of the

disorder is required. While research has implicated several genomic regions and genes associated with MA dependence (Uhl *et al.*, 2008) which supports polygenic influences on MUD susceptibility, there is little evidence to explain this when compared to other NP disorders (McClellan, Susser, and King, 2007; Mitchell and Porteous, 2011; Betancur, 2011). Where these studies were able to identify various genes and genomic regions associated with respective disorders such as, *COMT*, *GRM3*, *G72*, *DTNPB1* and *DISC1* in SZ (McClellan, Susser and King, 2007), and *NPHP1*, *RPE65* and *NIPBL* in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (Betancur, 2011). While these genes are associated with these disorders, they were also found to be associated with several other disorders displaying similar symptoms.

Several studies, including those in twins, have investigated polygenic inheritance in other stimulant class substances, with most of these focusing on CUD (Kendler, Karkowski and Prescott, 1999; Kendler *et al.*, 2005; Hart, de Wit and Palmer, 2012). In comparison, the number of association studies investigating MUD specifically are relatively few when compared to those investigating CUD (Jensen, 2016) or other SUDs (Prom-Wormley *et al.*, 2017). Nevertheless, the studies that do exist have identified several genes associated with inflammation, autophagy and apoptosis (K. Zhang *et al.*, 2016; Kays and Yamamoto, 2019; L. Sun *et al.*, 2019; Wen *et al.*, 2019). A study by Tehrani *et al* (2019) identified dysregulation of apoptotic genes such as *P53*, *BCL2L11*, *BBC3*, *CASP8* and *P21* in rats. The study was also able to identify dysregulation in several genes known to be involved in autophagy and inflammation such as *ATG12* and *MAP1LC3B*, and *IL1 β* , *IL10* and *HMGB1* related to inflammatory response. These genes are related to multiple molecular processes known to affect the correct functioning of autophagy, inflammatory response, and apoptosis, resulting in neurodegradation (Jayanthi *et al.*, 2001; Krasnova *et al.*, 2009). A study by Siddiqui *et al.*, (2008) focused on investigating expression level changes in the prefrontal cortex which is known to be involved in working memory and the cognitive control of behaviour ; both of which are relevant to MUD aetiology (Zhao *et al.*, 2019).

Several studies have investigated MUD genetic architecture through the use of Genome-wide Association Studies (GWAS), with most of these studies in populations of European or South-East Asian descent (Uhl *et al.*, 2008; Bousman *et al.*, 2009; Ikeda *et al.*, 2013) and as such it cannot be assumed that genomic regions and genes identified in these studies would be achieved with similar significance in local South African populations (Campbell and Tishkoff, 2008). These studies were able to identify a number of genes associated with MA dependence or abuse such as *CDH13*, *CSMD1*, *ABGL1*, *NPAS3* and *DLG2* (Uhl *et al.*, 2008; Ikeda *et al.*, 2013; Jensen, 2016). Several of the genes identified in these studies were also previously associated to other substance use disorders, such as

alcohol use disorder or opioid use disorder (Uhl *et al.*, 2008). While the number of studies focusing exclusively on MUD are limited, there are a few investigating CUD; the findings of these latter studies may be relevant for MUD given that MA and cocaine are both stimulants (American Psychiatric Association, 2013).

To our knowledge there is no literature on the molecular underpinnings of MUD in a South African context. This lack of literature makes identifying biomarkers that could lead to better treatments or therapies challenging. This is further exacerbated by the fact that there is little research that is able to depict the difference, molecularly and genetically, between MUD and other SUDs despite MUDs classification as a stimulant use disorder in the DSM-5 (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). This leads to further problems considering that many SUDs share pathophysiology but present clinically distinct phenotypes, making it hard to devise more precise treatments for these individuals. Newer study approaches utilizing GWAS and elaborating on the data through *in silico* or bioinformatic analyses may aid in fine-mapping and characterising the underlying molecular underpinnings of the disorder.

1.3 Premise and pitfalls of genome wide association studies

The employment of GWAS approaches is aimed at unveiling causal mechanisms underlying the relationship between common genetic variation and disease, biological characteristics, or drug response (Need and Goldstein, 2010). The premise of this approach lies in a lack of ambiguity in performing the study devoid of prior knowledge of the genetic basis of the specified disorder/s under investigation (Simón-Sánchez and Singleton, 2008; Need and Goldstein, 2010). This allows for investigation of individually targeted disorders, not being resultant of a singular causal gene variant of strong influence (Need and Goldstein, 2010). GWAS protocols utilize arrays of common single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), taken as representative of the entire genome (Need and Goldstein, 2010). In theory this relates to potential for the entire genome to be studied as “targeted” SNPs infer information regarding various other non-genotyped variants (Need and Goldstein, 2010). This inference is on the basis of linkage-disequilibrium (Need and Goldstein, 2010). As is apparent from large GWAS results, the identification of causal genes not previously implicated or suspected in disease aetiology, can now be identified (Stranger, Stahl and Raj, 2011). GWAS is thus not as restricted as candidate gene studies in which a candidate gene/s are specifically selected for further inclusion and investigation. GWAS may also be able to estimate genetic effects (additive and non) and pleiotropy (Stranger, Stahl and Raj, 2011). Furthermore, subsequent studies have identified that for almost any complex trait, variants tend to have small effect sizes. GWAS data has been indicative that most disorders are consequential of hundreds of common variants implicated with associated

SNPs; however, these results explain only a small portion of genetic risk (Cantor, Lange and Sinsheimer, 2010), and have only lead to correlation and not causation in this regard. In addition, GWAS still ignore the fundamental principles of gene expression, both in mechanism of action and genetic influence that can alter ordinary gene expression (Lahiri and Maloney, 2012). This comes about due to GWAS presuming that an individual's state of health is determined by a fixed genome, when this is not the case as a genome's interaction with the environment changes the expression of this genome and subsequently the individual's state of health (Lahiri and Maloney, 2012). Despite a large number of genomic associations having been found utilising various GWAS study designs leading to the elucidation of underlying genetic factors of respective neuropsychiatric disorders, this tool has come short in representation of genetic diversity, appropriate statistical power to find associations and incorporation of external (environmental) factors influencing genomic variation (Popejoy and Fullerton, 2016). This deems the GWAS approach problematic when taking into consideration the genetic diversity and genomic admixture pertaining to individual population groups and genomic and phenotypic differences observed (Ramsay *et al.*, 2011; Quansah and Karikari, 2015). In this manner bias is introduced inadvertently towards the population group under study. Study designs inclusive of particular population groups (i.e. African) will find GWAS results that differ vastly from that of more 'commonly' employed population groups making up cohorts (e.g. of European decent), due to differences in linkage blocks (Quansah and McGregor, 2018).

Although the GWAS protocol itself initially seems to be a non-biased approach, the manner in which SNPs are taken as 'representative' of the entire genome is naïve in that these SNPs cannot be relied on for validity of samples outside of the study at hand. Different population groups are likely to have different linkage blocks and minor-allele frequencies (MAF), confounding association results (Tan, 2007). Furthermore, associated significant SNPs identified by GWAS are largely found within non-coding regions of the genome (The Schizophrenia Psychiatric Genome-Wide Association Study (GWAS) Consortium, 2011). The discovery of disease associated variants in intronic regions of the genome has led to an increase in studies looking at non-coding variants with a lot of traction being gained through the study of miRNA in NP disorders due to their environmental interaction (O'Connor *et al.*, 2016). Thus, while the use of GWAS on its own is unable to provide all the information it initially promised, the use of other tools such as imputation, enrichment, and various statistical analyses can further enhance our understanding of the data.

1.4 miRNA and Their Potential as Biomarkers in Complex Disorders

miRNA are small, 22 nucleotide (nt) RNA structures that are able to regulate gene expression through binding to the 3' untranslated region (UTR) of messenger RNA (mRNA) (Krol, Loedige and

Filipowicz, 2010). There are constantly other regulatory mechanisms being discovered, with recent studies estimating that 59% of binding sites lie outside of the 3'UTR (Boudreau *et al.*, 2014). Interactions between genetic architecture and environmental factors have long been suspected to be associated with psychiatric morbidity, and in triggering the onset of such disorders (Issler and Chen, 2015). Environmental factors can induce changes in gene expression levels, which in turn mediates the onset of disorders, albeit with no alteration of the DNA sequence (Jirtle and Skinner, 2007; Cortijo *et al.*, 2014). miRNA were first discovered by Lee *et al.* (1993), when it was found that the gene *LIN4*, in *Caenorhabditis elegans*, encoded an RNA transcript complementary to the sequence of *LIN14*. Further experimentation led to the discovery that elevated *LIN4* levels had a negative effect on *LIN14* levels (Wightman, Ha and Ruvkun, 1993). Since then, miRNAs have been identified as key eukaryotic gene expression regulators with an estimated 60% of mammalian mRNA transcripts being miRNA targets (Friedman *et al.*, 2009). Mature miRNAs are derived from the transcription of a primary miRNA transcript (pri-miRNA) which can be over 1kb in length and are usually characterised by a stem-loop structure (Luoni and Riva, 2016). These transcripts are then processed into precursor miRNA (pre-miRNA) which are between 60 and 100nt long (Lee *et al.*, 2003). Pre-miRNAs are translocated out of the nucleus via Exportin-5 interaction (Yi *et al.*, 2003). Once released from the receptor, it is further processed to generate an unstable ~22nt duplex which produces two single-stranded RNA species, one which is preferentially degraded and one which is incorporated into the RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC); the miRNA processing is performed by two RNases, i.e. Drosha and Dicer (Luoni and Riva, 2016). The entirety of this process is called miRNA biogenesis and can be visualized in Figure 1. miRNA binding does not require perfect binding; a single miRNA is able to bind many different mRNAs (Martinez and Walhout, 2009). Inversely, mRNA may also have more than one miRNA binding site and as such may be bound by more than one miRNA resulting in numerous combinations.

The regulation of the miRNA target is dependent on the level of complementarity between the miRNA and the mRNA target and will either lead to repression or degradation. miRNA expression is regulated much in the same way as mRNA, as most of the transcription factors (TFs) that regulate mRNA expression also regulate miRNA expression (Luoni and Riva, 2016). However, miRNA transcription is interesting in that it acts as a feedback loop whereby a miRNAs downstream target could be a TF acting on its transcription (Martinez and Walhout, 2009). An example of this mechanism of miRNA regulation is the transcriptional repressor REST which is able to directly regulate the transcription of brain-related miRNAs, for example, miRNA-124a and miRNA-132,

which control the perseverance of neuronal transcripts, determining cellular phenotype (Luoni and Riva, 2016).

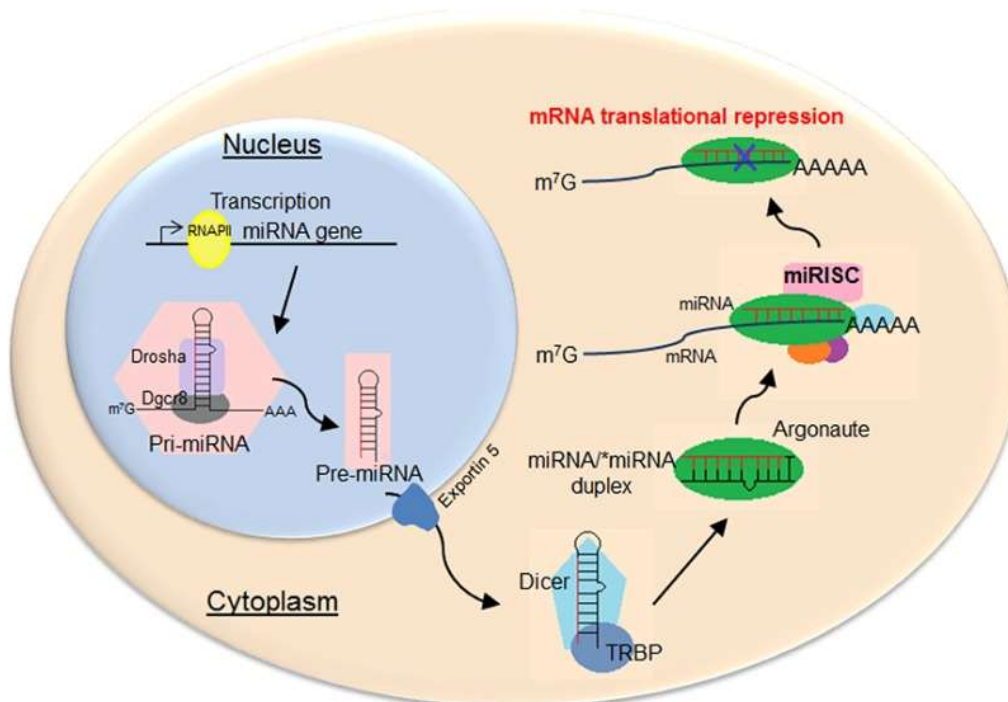


Figure 1: Figure from (Hajarnis, Lakhia and Patel, 2020) indicating the process of miRNA biogenesis from pri-miRNA to the mature miRNA complex. This indicates the start of biogenesis in the nucleus with the transcription of pri-miRNA sequence before processing into the stem-looped pre-miRNA structure that is transported out of the nucleus. Finally, the pre-miRNA is further processed into mature miRNA complex via Dicer before associating with the RISC complex to form the complex that regulates mRNA translation.

Numerous studies have suggested a role for miRNAs in almost all biological processes ranging from cell proliferation, differentiation, development, and apoptosis (Krol et al., 2010). More significantly, miRNAs have been shown to have important roles in central nervous system development and function with regards to neuronal development and synaptic plasticity (O'Connor et al., 2016). It has also been shown that the deregulation of miRNA expression levels and function is associated with the pathogenesis of NP disorders (Alural et al., 2016). Studies identifying miRNA effects used this knowledge as disruption of the miRNA processing pathway (using Dicer and Drosha) affects global miRNA functionality and thus allows for the observation of miRNA effects on an organism at a global scale. This is exemplified by studies showing that the removal of Dicer led to decreases in the development and maintenance of the nervous system in cell culture (Barbato *et al.*, 2007; Schaefer *et al.*, 2007). Synaptic plasticity has also been shown to be influenced by miRNA regulation as it

requires a functional RISC pathway for synaptic protein synthesis (Ashraf *et al.*, 2006). Many of the miRNA targets in the brain are considered risk genes for the development of disorders like autism spectrum disorder (ASD), schizophrenia (SZ), bipolar disorder (BD) and major depressive disorder (MDD) (Camkurt *et al.*, 2017). Thus, it can be clearly discerned that miRNA regulation is an important factor in correct neurodevelopment and maintenance of healthy neural functioning.

Studies in rats have shown that some therapeutics are able to alter miRNA expression. A study on mood stabilizers has shown the differential expression of several miRNAs in the hippocampus predicted to regulate gene products associated with BD. This study provided the first evidence indicating miRNA involvement in psychiatric disorders and in successful therapeutics (Zhou *et al.*, 2009). Since the study, other pharmacotherapeutics have been shown to have miRNAs as downstream targets. Fluoxetine, for example, is a common therapeutic used to treat depression and works by inhibiting the serotonin transporter (SERT) (Baudry *et al.*, 2010). Baudry *et al.* (2010) indicated that the inhibition of SERT by fluoxetine is through increasing the levels of miRNA-16 which targets SERT in serotonin raphe neurons as it was also observed that directly increasing miRNA-16 in raphe neurons displayed similar results to that of fluoxetine treatment. Studies have also shown that miRNA biogenesis in the nucleus accumbens is highly important for the generation of behavioural resilience to social-defeat stress, as Dicer1-deficient animals were particularly affected by milder defeat procedures when compared to wild-type (WT) animals, which were unaffected (Dias *et al.*, 2014). There is increasing support for the claim that changes to miRNA function may act as the link between psychological stress and downstream pathophysiology (O'Connor *et al.*, 2016). Early life adversity (ELA) in rodents was used to induce a state of hypersensitivity to later, chronic, unpredictable mild stressors which, in turn, correlated to a decrease in striatal miRNA-9 (Zhang *et al.*, 2015). This decrease reflected the downstream repression of the dopamine repressor D2. Thus, from their role as a mediator in stress-induced pathology, it may be possible to target miRNAs in order to affect their downstream targets as a form of therapy (Zhang *et al.*, 2015).

miRNA involvement in the molecular pathophysiology of psychiatric disorders makes them a viable candidate as a diagnostic biomarker if significant differences can be identified between cases and healthy controls (O'Connor *et al.*, 2016). Currently, there is strong evidence to support miRNA use in diagnosis as there have been distinct differences in miRNA expression levels between patients with depression and controls (O'Connor *et al.*, 2016). It was also found (Garbett *et al.* 2015) that there is a high correlation between levels of specific miRNAs and their target mRNAs in these same cellular samples. While it may be true that miRNA involvement in neuronal functioning does not always predict a coinciding difference in the same mRNAs in blood, there is mounting evidence that this is

the case for some miRNAs (Lopez *et al.*, 2014, p. 1202). There is potential that miRNAs may serve as an adequate form of diagnosis for several neuropsychiatric disorders, including SUDs. In future, the use of miRNA as biomarkers could lead to more specialized medicine and molecular-based treatments based on detected biomarkers indicative of specific diagnostic criteria or treatment response (Belzeaux, Lin and Turecki, 2017; Swarbrick *et al.*, 2019). Furthermore, it is possible that with further research in diverse populations miRNA could be used as a non-invasive screening tool to potentially diagnose individuals at early stages of disorder progression, with possible miRNA biomarkers already being identified for disorders such as SZ and MDD (Alural, Genc and Haggarty, 2017)

1.5 The role of miRNA in Methamphetamine Use Disorder

The missing information on heritability of SUDs has led to a shift in focus towards the underlying mechanisms to which most GWAS results speak, in the hopes of uncovering common mechanisms. There have been several studies examining the influence of environmental effects, on miRNA and the associated biological pathways (Dickson *et al.*, 2018; Cattane *et al.*, 2019). These studies indicated that environmental effects like childhood trauma can affect miRNA expression levels and that these changes in expression can, in some cases, lead to lasting effects over generations. This is exemplified in the study by Dickson *et al* (2018) in which miR-499 and 34 were found to have lower expression levels in individuals with a higher rating of early-life adversity, with the changes in these same miRNA in mice found to carry across generations. A study by Catrane *et al* (2019) found downregulation of miR-125b-1-3p was associated with early life stress and enhanced susceptibility to schizophrenia development. These studies indicate the potential for environmental stressors to affect miRNA and subsequent regulatory targets of miRNA known to be associated with neuropsychiatric disorder aetiology.

Despite the above-mentioned complex nature of MUD, studies investigating it have identified several of candidate genes from clinically diagnosed patients with genome-wide studies utilizing computational approaches. These study approaches have conceptualised hypotheses of the potential underpinning molecular mechanisms and involved pathways in MUD and other NP disorders (Cristino *et al.*, 2014). Functional studies, investigating the biochemical, cellular and physiological roles of miRNA, have identified roles of miRNAs in controlling cellular processes, like neurogenesis and synaptic plasticity, with both mechanisms having been implicated in NP disorders (Kloosterman and Plasterk, 2006; Magill *et al.*, 2010; Saba and Schrott, 2010; Bredy *et al.*, 2011; Luikart, Perederiy and Westbrook, 2012). Furthermore, there have been studies that identified miRNAs associated with multiple disorders; this indicates that while there may be unique clinical manifestations, the overlap

of miRNA and subsequent genes and biological pathways speaks to the overlapping nature of these disorders and frequent comorbidity (Mendes-Silva *et al.*, 2016). Thus, it can be clearly discerned that miRNA-mediated regulation is an important factor for neurodevelopment and maintenance of neuronal functioning, within the context of these overlapping NP disorders.

Despite this, there have been relatively few studies investigating the involvement of miRNA in the molecular underpinnings of MUD specifically. Of these studies, a large number were done using animal studies or bioinformatic prediction tools (Zhang *et al.*, 2016; Sim *et al.*, 2017; Li *et al.*, 2018). For example, the study by Li *et al* (2018) identified several differentially expressed miRNA in rats, in response to MA use which were associated with biological processes related to synaptic transport mechanisms, apoptotic cell death and neurogenesis; all of which are processes known to be involved in MUD disorder aetiology (Zhang *et al.*, 2016; Li *et al.*, 2018; Sun *et al.*, 2019). The study by Sim *et al* (2017) also investigated differential expression of miRNA in rats, identifying several miRNA, notably miR-496-3p, miR-194-5p, miR-200b-3p and miR-181-5p, which displayed significant associations with MA addiction. Lastly, the study by Zhang *et al* (2016) was able to identify a miRNA-mediated interaction with *BBC3* expression related to apoptosis and autophagy regulation; both processes with major involvement in MA neurotoxicity (Zhang *et al.*, 2016; Sun *et al.*, 2019).

Considering the link between environment, miRNA, and NP disorders, it seems highly plausible that pathways implicated in NP disorders could be regulated differently resulting in differing clinical manifestations. This begs the question whether it is possible that there is a common sub-component that is being regulated differently in multiple disorders, causing them to present distinct clinical manifestations. And is there a difference, in terms of molecular underpinnings, between MUD and other subtypes of SUD? To answer these questions, more studies focusing on the role of miRNA-mediated and epigenetic regulation in MUD are needed.

In conclusion, due to the burden associated with MUD and the limited amount of clinically relevant information obtained from GWAS alone, studies have started to investigate other mechanisms that may be involved in the molecular underpinnings of the disorder, such as miRNA. Environmental stressors can affect miRNA-related regulation of the genome and exert effects on disorder aetiology. This evidence along with the lack of clinically relevant information on MUD using GWAS has led to studies investigating the role of miRNA in MUD. Most of these studies were either performed in homogeneous human populations or in animal studies, however, investigating this in a diverse South African cohort with MUD to increase statistical power and using enrichment to investigate biological pathways along with better characterised discovery groups could result in novel data on associations as well as revalidate previous findings.

Thus, it is the aim of this study to further elucidate the potential regulatory role of miRNA in MUD by using a PGC-CUD discovery cohort alongside a local MUD cohort. This will be accomplished by identifying CUD genes and miRNA via an *in silico* bioinformatic pipeline. The frequency of these loci will be characterised in the local MUD cohort. Prioritised MUD variants will be identified by performing association analyses before being enriched for any miRNA-mediated regulatory potential using *in silico* online bioinformatic tools. The data of both datasets will then be compared to identify common and unique loci in the MUD cohort. This would indicate the molecular differences between MUD and other SUDs while providing insight into the regulatory network of MUD.

Chapter 2 Materials and Methods

This study aimed to identify the potential regulatory role of miRNA in MUD using an exploratory methodology (i.e. no *a priori* hypothesis). The objectives were: 1) to do a case-control GWAS of a local MUD cohort using logistic regression analysis, 2) to conduct a bioinformatic analysis of a CUD discovery cohort and the MUD GWAS cohort, 3) to do an enrichment analyses of host genes identified in each cohort and 4) to do a comparison of the bioinformatic profiles of each cohort.

Role of the incumbent

Clinical interviews, patient treatment, data collection and blood/saliva sampling were performed by trained clinicians. DNA extractions were performed by a laboratory technician and the incumbent. Genotyping was performed by the Broad Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States of America. The role of the incumbent of this study was therefore to make use of existing genotype data of a CUD discovery cohort (Gelernter *et al.*, 2014). In addition to this, the incumbent was to generate new GWAS data for a local MUD cohort by preparing DNA samples and sending to the Broad Institute for GWAS analyses using the Illumina Global Screening Array (GSA). The incumbent wrote and executed scripts to conduct quality control and binomial logistic regression analyses to identify SNPs associated with MUD. Data was subsequently mined from each cohort for use in an *in silico* bioinformatic pipeline (which the incumbent generated) to identify genes and miRNA of interest. The incumbent then collated this data and enriched it using online tools in line with the aim and objectives of the study. The results were discussed, and conclusions drawn by the incumbent, under supervision.

2.1 Cohort demographics

This study made use of two cohorts: a CUD discovery cohort consisting of summary statistics data from 5697 individuals, and a South African cohort consisting of data from 47 adult patients with MUD and 34 age and sex-matched controls. Blood or saliva samples were obtained from South African MUD patients recruited for another project (Lanesman *et al* 2019). Patients were recruited from in- and outpatient rehabilitation centres and the community. DNA was subsequently extracted as described by Miller, Dykes and Polesky (1988) for blood samples and as per Oragene-DNA OG500 tubes (DNA Genotek, Ontario, Canada) for saliva samples. Two cohorts were used to identify genes that were both common between disorders and/or unique to the MUD cohort. The individuals with MUD were from mixed-ancestry and their age and sex are described below in Table 2, whereas the CUD discovery cohort has been previously described by Gelernter *et al.*, (2014). The mixed-ancestry cohort was used in order to increase the power to detect association and to increase the potential to identify novel associations; this is due to the fact that the mixed-ancestry cohort is heterogeneous

when compared to MUD cohorts previously studies (European or Asian descent). While some studies have identified higher rates of MA use in South African mixed-ancestry in community-based studies (Watt *et al.*, 2015), other studies have found that this is not the case (Weybright *et al.*, 2016) indicating that more work investigating the incidence demographics needs to be conducted.

Table 2: Cohort demographics for the South African methamphetamine use disorder GWAS.

| Characteristic | All (n = 81) | Case (n=47) | Control (n=34) |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Demographic (Age \pm SD) | | | |
| Male sex | 31 (39 \pm 9) | 18 (38 \pm 11) | 13 (37 \pm 11) |
| Female sex | 50 (34 \pm 9) | 29 (37 \pm 10) | 21 (37 \pm 12) |

2.2 Genome-wide association analysis of MUD cohort

Genome-wide association screening of DNA, extracted from blood and saliva for the MUD cohort, was performed using the Illumina GSA v24 (<https://www.illumina.com/science/consortia/human-consortia/global-screening-consortium.html>). Data files were processed at the Broad Institute, Stanley Center (<https://www.broadinstitute.org/stanley>).

2.3 Imputation of MUD GWAS data

Imputation was performed using the Sanger Imputation Service (<https://imputation.sanger.ac.uk/>) which allows for the use of SHAPEIT2 (http://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/genetics_software/shapeit/shapeit.html) phasing and the African Genome Resources haplotype reference panel (<https://www.apcdr.org/data/>) which has been shown to be useful for the local population used in the MUD cohort (Schurz *et al.*, 2019). Several checks were made to ensure the data followed the imputation server's guidelines before the data was uploaded and imputed. Imputed data was filtered using an info score threshold of 0.3 (Marchini and Howie, 2010; Roshara *et al.*, 2014; Eller, Janga and Walsh, 2019). Imputed data was then updated with individuals' sex and phenotypic status (case or control) before quality control was performed.

2.4 Quality control of MUD GWAS data

Quality control was performed using Plink v1.9 (Chang *et al.*, 2015) as performed by Anderson and Clarke (2010), with minor adjustments made for the sample size of the study and to match the quality control performed on the discovery cohort. Gelernter *et al* (2014) excluded individuals with call rates (MIND and GENO) <98% with a minor allele frequency (MAF) threshold of 1% whereas our data was filtered according to minor allele frequency (MAF > 0.05) and call rates per marker and

individual <95% (genotyping rates) (MIND and GENO 0.05). The data was also filtered for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE; $p > 1 \times 10^{-6}$) and sex mismatches. These quality control steps were performed in order to identify individuals with discordant sex classifications, missing genotype or heterozygosity rates, duplicated or related individuals and ethnic outliers; these quality control steps also identified SNPs deviating from HWE, low MAF and significantly different missing genotype rates. All quality control checks were performed using Plink and were visualised using R (R Core Team, 2019) to produce histogram and Q-Q plots where relevant via the *qqman* package (Turner, 2014). These plots check the distribution of MAF while also comparing the expected outcomes of HWE and individual and genotyping call rates to the observed outcomes. Principle component analysis as described by Anderson and Clarke (2010) was performed using SMARTPCA (Price *et al.*, 2006), however, this further reduced cohort size and limited the statistical power to detect association; thus ethnic outliers were included in the study and results were interpreted with this in mind. Thresholds were selected and adjusted according to study size and thresholds proposed by Gelernter *et al* (2014).

2.5 Association analysis of MUD GWAS data

A case-control binomial logistic regression analysis was performed using Plink on GWAS data passing quality control filters using phenotype and genotype as the binary variables for association testing. A binomial logistic regression assumes that the observation will fall into a binary category based on one or more independent variable that is either continuous or categorical; in this study the dependent variable, phenotype, is binary (case or control) and the categorical variable is genotype, with no covariates in order to maintain maximum statistical power. The association was visualised using R to produce Manhattan and Q-Q plots to visualise SNP locations and p-values, as well as too assess the reliability of the data by comparing expected p-values to the observed p-values. A power calculation was performed using CaTS (Center for Statistical Genetics, University of Michigan, <http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/CaTS/tour1.html>). To achieve 80% power, assuming a significance of 0.05, cohorts of much larger size than that used in this study would be needed. Considering the cohort size in this study and a prevalence rate of 0.3 for MA dependence in South Africa (Peltzer and Phaswana-Mafuya, 2018), a 75% power can be achieved assuming a false-positive maximum of 3 for the SNPs investigated for a relative genotype risk of 1.5 (referring to common polymorphisms with a $MAF \geq 0.2$) (Skol *et al.*, 2007).

2.6 CUD summary statistics *in silico* analyses

The summary statistics for the most recent CUD dataset were obtained from the PGC-SUD workgroup. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP(s)) passing a nominal significance threshold of

$p \leq 1 \times 10^{-4}$ were prioritised from the data. This nominal significance threshold was used in lieu of the traditional genome-wide significance threshold of $p \leq 5 \times 10^{-8}$ as even studies performed by large consortia struggle to identify SNPs passing such a stringent threshold (Gelernter *et al.*, 2014). As such, this study chose to use a threshold commonly utilised in smaller studies to identify SNPs approaching significance that may reach significance when investigated in a large enough cohort (X. Wang *et al.*, 2016; Stahl *et al.*, 2018; McGregor *et al.*, 2019). Once prioritised, the SNPs were input into an *in silico* bioinformatics pipeline using online tools, namely SNPnexus (<http://snp-nexus.org/>; accessed August 2019), TarBase (http://carolina.imis.athena-innovation.gr/diana_tools/web/; accessed August 2019) and Genetic Association Database (<https://geneticassociationdb.nih.gov/>; accessed August 2019) in order to investigate miRNA-related gene regulation and related host genes (Becker *et al.*, 2004).

SNPnexus assesses known and novel variants' significance in relation to the transcriptome, proteome, regulome and structural variation through the use of multiple third-party databases pointing to altered gene, protein or regulatory isoforms that could lead to phenotypic changes of interest. This makes aggregating variant annotation information from these various databases in a single query possible instead of requiring researchers to investigate the variants using each database individually (Ullah *et al.*, 2018).

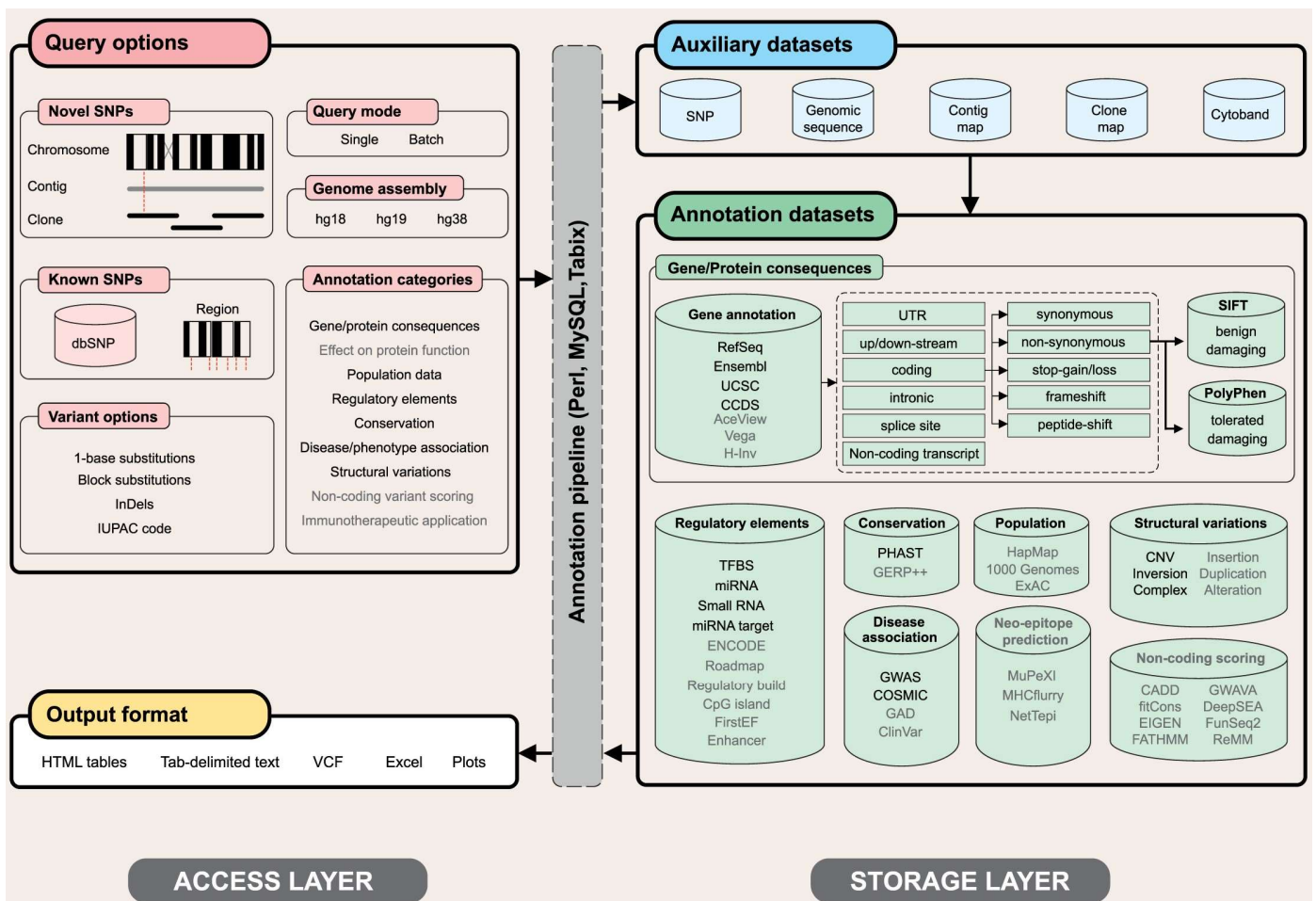


Figure 2: Depiction of the process through which SNPnexus operates. An initial query is made using chromosomal information or known SNP identities before being processed by the auxiliary datasets. Subsequently, information is collated from annotation datasets selected by the user and compiled into the chosen output format (Dayem Ullah *et al.*, 2018).

TarBase is an online database containing information on over 670 000 experimentally validated miRNA-gene interactions across various cell types and tissues. Later versions of the TarBase tool are integrated with ENSEMBLv99 (<https://www.ensembl.org/index.html>) (Hunt *et al.*, 2018) allowing for the viewing of the exact binding location using ENSEMBL's genome browser, as well as containing an integrated ranking system that displays interactions based on the robustness of the methodologies that validated them. The ranking system determines the interaction's ranking based on the experimental validation method used (either low- or high-throughput experiments) (Karagkouni *et al.*, 2018).

The screenshot displays the DIANA-TarBase v8.0 web interface. It is annotated with ten numbered callouts:

- (1) Search Fields - Query mode:** Points to the search input fields for miRNAs and Genes.
- (2) Filters - Browsing mode:** Points to the left sidebar containing various filters like Species, Method Type, Method, Regulation type, Validation Type, Validated as, Cell Type, Tissue, Source, Publication Year, and Prediction score.
- (3) Result statistics:** Points to the summary statistics at the top of the results section.
- (4) Interactive result sorting:** Points to the sorting options (low to high) for various criteria.
- (5) Gene/miRNA details:** Points to the header section of a specific interaction record.
- (6) Experiment details:** Points to the detailed experimental conditions for a specific interaction.
- (7) Binding site details:** Points to the detailed binding site information for a specific interaction.
- (8) miRPath interconnection:** Points to the 'Related Pathways' link in the top right.
- (9) Help:** Points to the 'Help' link in the top right.
- (10) Database statistics:** Points to the 'Statistics' link in the top left.

The interface shows two main interaction results. The first is for **TKT** and **hsa-miR-1-3p**, showing low-throughput experiments (1 positive, 0 negative) and high-throughput experiments (4 positive, 0 negative). The second is for **SELE** and **hsa-miR-221-3p**, showing low-throughput experiments (0 positive, 1 negative) and high-throughput experiments (1 positive, 0 negative). Each result includes a table with columns for Publication, Methods, Tissue, Cell line, Tested cell line, and Exp. condition.

Figure 3: Image depicting the DIANA-TarBase v8.0 interface. Queries can be made using either miRNA and/or gene names or by navigating through database content using criterion filters. Interactions can be further refined using filtering options for species, tissues/cell types, methodologies, type of validation, source, etc. Gene and miRNA details are complemented with active links to Ensembl, miRBase and the DIANA disease tag cloud. Interactions are also accompanied by miRNA-binding site details (Karagkouni *et al.*, 2018).

Genetic Association Database is a database containing genetic association data pertaining to complex diseases and disorders. This database was designed to collect, standardize, and archive genetic association data and allow for easy access via online tools or direct download (as of 2014 when all data was “frozen”). The database standardizes the nomenclature of the data input as well as annotates each record with links to relevant molecular databases and reference databases. The data is annotated to include the official gene symbol (HUGO gene symbols), disease phenotype and class, gene-based molecular information, chromosomal and mutation information, and relevant references (Becker *et al.*, 2004).

Subsequently, the host genes associated with the prioritised SNPs identified using GAD were used for gene enrichment analyses. Host genes for the identified SNPs were input into the *in silico* online tool, Enrichr (<https://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/Enrichr/>; accessed August 2019) (Chen *et al.*, 2013). Enrichr uses 35 gene-set libraries investigating six categories (transcription, pathways, ontologies, diseases/ drugs, cell types and miscellaneous) to compute enrichment. Enrichment is calculated using Fisher's exact test assuming a binomial distribution and independence for the probability of any gene belonging to any set. Corrected p-values are calculated by computing a Z-score statistic where the mean rank and standard deviation from each computed rank calculated for each term in a gene-set library where the Z-score represents the deviation from this expected rank (Chen *et al.*, 2013). The most accurate statistical representation is defined by the combined score which is a representation of the Fischer exact and Z-score statistics (Chen *et al.*, 2013). Correction for multiple testing was accounted for using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995).

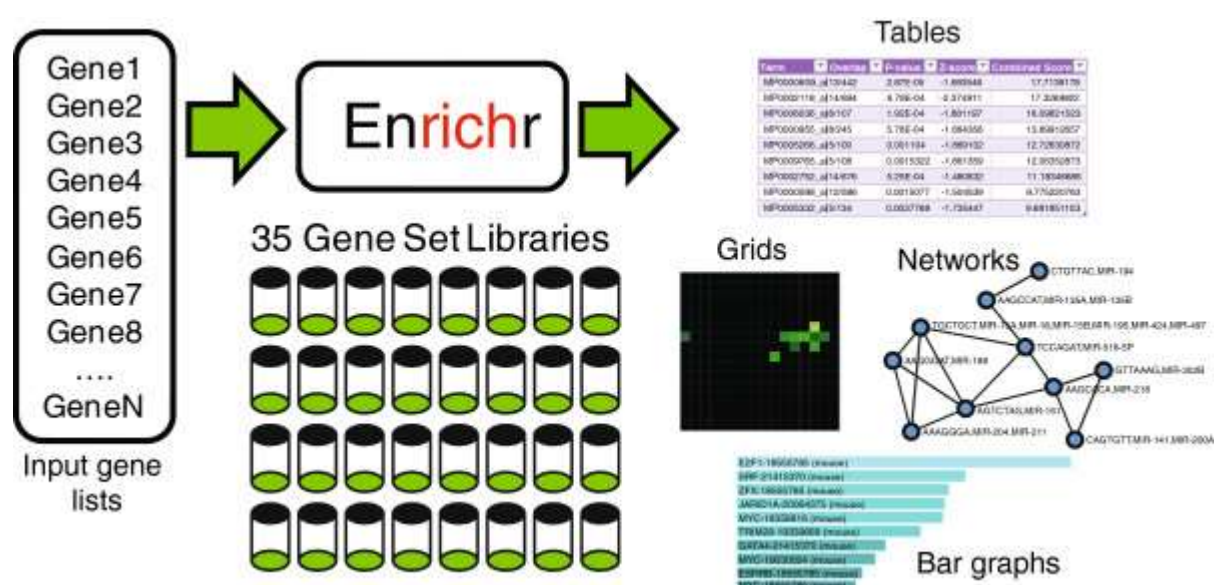


Figure 4: Figure depicting the workflow by Enrichr. Input genes are analysed as mentioned above using the 35 gene-set libraries with enriched data being collated in a series of tables, grids, networks, and bar graphs (Chen *et al.*, 2013).

2.7 MUD GWAS *in silico* analyses

After the association analysis had been carried out, SNPs were filtered for a nominal significance value of $p < 1 \times 10^{-4}$. SNPs passing this threshold were used in the *in silico* bioinformatic pipeline (SNPnexus, TarBase and Enrichr).

2.8 Cohort comparison

Following the *in silico* analyses of both cohorts, the gene lists between the two cohorts were compared for common and unique genes in the MUD cohort by identifying genes associated only with the MUD cohort instead of genes identified in both cohorts. Once any host genes exclusive to the MUD cohort were identified, these underwent enrichment analyses again to identify biological pathways and miRNA-regulatory interactions associated with these genes to better characterise the molecular difference between the two cohorts.

Chapter 3 Research Results

3.1 Demographics

The MUD cohort consisted of cases and controls that were age and sex matched (Table 2). These individuals' data underwent standard GWAS quality control as per Anderson and Clarke (2010); no individuals were removed from the study. As this was a case-control study design, logistic regression parametric analyses were used for this cohort. The CUD discovery cohort underwent analyses as described by Gelernter *et al* (2014) and only summary statistics were used for the subsequent *in silico* analyses.

3.2 Discovery (CUD) cohort description

The CUD discovery cohort was comprised of summary statistics from a study by Gelernter *et al* (2014). Prioritisation of the CUD summary statistics yielded 807 SNPs which presented with a nominal significance of 1×10^{-4} or lower (Supplementary Table 1). These SNPs were used in the *in silico* bioinformatics pipeline described above.

3.3 Discovery (CUD) cohort *in silico* analyses

The SNPs were input into SNPnexus and TarBase to identify any SNPs involved in direct miRNA-mediated regulation via affecting target sites or miRNA encoding sites. Of the 807 SNPs prioritised, three presented with direct miRNA-mediated regulation potential when investigated using TarBase and SNPnexus (Table 3).

Table 3: SNPs involved in miRNA-mediated regulation based off investigation via SNPnexus and TarBase using the CUD summary statistics. TarBase outputs the data relating to affected target sites as well as strand information (where 1 is forward strand and -1 is reverse strand) for the investigated SNPs and associated miRNA.

| SNP | Target Site | Strand | miRNA |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|-----------------|
| rs2073900 | 19:35250535-35250583 | 1 | hsa-let-7e-5p |
| rs4598 | 6:36494228-36494249 | -1 | hsa-miR-196b-5p |
| rs4598 | 6:36494228-36494250 | -1 | hsa-miR-196a-5p |
| rs4598 | 6:36494229-36494250 | -1 | hsa-miR-140-5p |
| rs2239808 | 6:36479194-36479218 | 1 | hsa-miR-210-3p |

Secondly, the SNPs were investigated using SNPnexus and GAD which yielded GAD disease class, phenotype, and host genes (n = 150) (Supplementary Table 2). The host genes identified via GAD were used in subsequent enrichment analyses.

Subsequently, enrichment analyses were performed on the identified host genes using the Enrichr online bioinformatic tool, yielding the top 50 gene ontology (GO) results for the 150 host genes (Table 4). Investigation of miRNA-mediated regulation potential via Enrichr was performed for the 150 host genes, which were predicted to be regulated by over 50 miRNA transcripts independent of summary statistics-prioritised SNPs (Table 5). While not all predictions made by Enrichr may be biologically relevant to the study, Enrichr ranks the outputs by statistical significance (Z-score), as described previously (Chen *et al.*, 2013).

Table 4: Top 50 GO biological processes associated with CUD host genes identified via Enrichr. Data output by Enrichr is listed according to Z-score as this is the most accurate measure of association, as described above (Chapter 2, page 20).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| vocal learning (GO:0042297) | 8,22E-04 | 1,00 | 44,44 | 315,74 |
| imitative learning (GO:0098596) | 8,22E-04 | 1,00 | 44,44 | 315,74 |
| calcium ion transport into cytosol (GO:0060402) | 3,67E-04 | 0,94 | 21,05 | 166,54 |
| positive regulation of cation channel activity (GO:2001259) | 8,17E-05 | 0,42 | 17,20 | 161,94 |
| neuron cell-cell adhesion (GO:0007158) | 4,79E-03 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 101,73 |
| myeloid dendritic cell activation (GO:0001773) | 4,79E-03 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 101,73 |
| positive regulation of calcium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:1901021) | 7,06E-03 | 1,00 | 15,69 | 77,70 |
| regulation of B cell receptor signalling pathway (GO:0050855) | 7,06E-03 | 1,00 | 15,69 | 77,70 |
| positive regulation of action potential (GO:0045760) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| regulation of protein localization to early endosome (GO:1902965) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| hindlimb morphogenesis (GO:0035137) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |

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|---|----------|------|-------|-------|
| polyamine biosynthetic process (GO:0006596) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| regulation of endothelial cell development (GO:1901550) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| negative regulation of chromosome organization (GO:2001251) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| negative regulation of transforming growth factor beta production (GO:0071635) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| regulation of transforming growth factor beta2 production (GO:0032909) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| positive regulation of protein localization to endosome (GO:1905668) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| synaptic transmission, glycinergic (GO:0060012) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| folic acid-containing compound biosynthetic process (GO:0009396) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| positive regulation of aspartic-type peptidase activity (GO:1905247) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| positive regulation of protein localization to early endosome (GO:1902966) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| mRNA 3'-splice site recognition (GO:0000389) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| regulation of T cell tolerance induction (GO:0002664) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| indolalkylamine metabolic process (GO:0006586) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| positive regulation of podosome assembly (GO:0071803) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| ceramide transport (GO:0035627) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transport (GO:1902307) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| regulation of anion channel activity (GO:0010359) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| cellular response to magnesium ion (GO:0071286) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| negative regulation of delayed rectifier potassium channel activity (GO:1902260) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |

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| regulation of epithelial to mesenchymal transition involved in endocardial cushion formation (GO:1905005) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| spermine metabolic process (GO:0008215) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| insulin secretion involved in cellular response to glucose stimulus (GO:0035773) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| L-amino acid import (GO:0043092) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| regulation of t-circle formation (GO:1904429) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| positive regulation of aspartic-type endopeptidase activity involved in amyloid precursor protein catabolic process (GO:1902961) | 4,42E-02 | 1,00 | 22,22 | 69,33 |
| actin polymerization or depolymerization (GO:0008154) | 2,67E-03 | 1,00 | 10,81 | 64,08 |
| neuromuscular junction development (GO:0007528) | 9,72E-03 | 1,00 | 13,33 | 61,79 |
| positive regulation of receptor activity (GO:2000273) | 2,88E-03 | 1,00 | 10,53 | 61,59 |
| cell morphogenesis (GO:0000902) | 1,07E-03 | 0,91 | 8,89 | 60,80 |
| skeletal muscle myosin thick filament assembly (GO:0030241) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| positive regulation of insulin-like growth factor receptor signalling pathway (GO:0043568) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| membrane raft polarization (GO:0001766) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| positive regulation of keratinocyte proliferation (GO:0010838) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| regulation of high voltage-gated calcium channel activity (GO:1901841) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| regulation of myosin-light-chain-phosphatase activity (GO:0035507) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| positive regulation of glutamate receptor signalling pathway (GO:1900451) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| regulation of endocytic recycling (GO:2001135) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |

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| negative regulation of axon regeneration (GO:0048681) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |
| left/right pattern formation (GO:0060972) | 5,13E-02 | 1,00 | 19,05 | 56,56 |

Table 5: Top 50 miRNA associated with CUD host genes identified via Enrichr TargetScan 2017 database. Data output by Enrichr is listed according to Z-score as this is the most accurate measure, as described above (Chapter 2, page 20).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted value | P- Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| hsa-miR-3676 | 7,92E-03 | 6,76E-01 | 2,33 | 11,28 |
| hsa-miR-1249 | 1,53E-02 | 6,52E-01 | 2,34 | 9,80 |
| hsa-miR-4714-3p | 7,67E-03 | 7,48E-01 | 1,69 | 8,21 |
| hsa-miR-4497 | 2,42E-02 | 7,17E-01 | 2,06 | 7,67 |
| hsa-miR-3669 | 4,54E-02 | 6,60E-01 | 2,33 | 7,19 |
| hsa-miR-4774-5p | 1,97E-02 | 7,10E-01 | 1,59 | 6,24 |
| hsa-miR-3197 | 3,46E-02 | 8,14E-01 | 1,81 | 6,08 |
| hsa-miR-523 | 1,41E-01 | 7,20E-01 | 3,03 | 5,93 |
| hsa-miR-4523 | 5,75E-02 | 6,55E-01 | 2,04 | 5,82 |
| hsa-miR-4732-5p | 2,61E-02 | 6,87E-01 | 1,59 | 5,79 |
| hsa-miR-1204 | 4,68E-02 | 6,53E-01 | 1,78 | 5,44 |
| hsa-miR-1539 | 5,23E-02 | 6,61E-01 | 1,80 | 5,32 |
| hsa-miR-4655-3p | 5,64E-02 | 6,65E-01 | 1,85 | 5,31 |
| hsa-miR-1180 | 7,07E-02 | 6,44E-01 | 1,94 | 5,14 |
| hsa-miR-3131 | 6,51E-02 | 6,45E-01 | 1,87 | 5,12 |
| hsa-miR-611 | 6,51E-02 | 6,35E-01 | 1,87 | 5,12 |
| hsa-miR-4304 | 7,45E-02 | 6,44E-01 | 1,92 | 4,98 |
| hsa-miR-3689b | 3,89E-02 | 7,59E-01 | 1,50 | 4,88 |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------|------|
| hsa-miR-3689a-5p | 3,89E-02 | 7,38E-01 | 1,50 | 4,88 |
| hsa-miR-3689e | 3,89E-02 | 7,18E-01 | 1,50 | 4,88 |
| hsa-miR-3689f | 3,89E-02 | 6,99E-01 | 1,50 | 4,88 |
| hsa-miR-3147 | 4,06E-02 | 6,30E-01 | 1,48 | 4,73 |
| hsa-miR-3146 | 4,72E-02 | 6,44E-01 | 1,51 | 4,60 |
| hsa-miR-1973 | 7,91E-02 | 6,35E-01 | 1,80 | 4,56 |
| hsa-miR-4479 | 1,10E-01 | 6,71E-01 | 1,98 | 4,37 |
| hsa-miR-3917 | 9,26E-02 | 6,59E-01 | 1,82 | 4,32 |
| hsa-miR-718 | 1,04E-01 | 6,73E-01 | 1,86 | 4,21 |
| hsa-miR-574-3p | 1,06E-01 | 6,65E-01 | 1,86 | 4,16 |
| hsa-miR-4671-3p | 6,59E-02 | 6,34E-01 | 1,48 | 4,03 |
| hsa-miR-887 | 1,12E-01 | 6,67E-01 | 1,83 | 3,99 |
| hsa-miR-4781-5p | 9,22E-02 | 6,63E-01 | 1,62 | 3,85 |
| hsa-miR-4664-3p | 1,20E-01 | 6,74E-01 | 1,79 | 3,79 |
| hsa-miR-770-5p | 7,37E-02 | 6,63E-01 | 1,41 | 3,67 |
| hsa-miR-4712-5p | 7,37E-02 | 6,54E-01 | 1,41 | 3,67 |
| hsa-miR-4694-5p | 7,79E-02 | 6,48E-01 | 1,40 | 3,57 |
| hsa-miR-2964a-5p | 8,96E-02 | 6,73E-01 | 1,39 | 3,35 |
| hsa-miR-3201 | 9,00E-02 | 6,68E-01 | 1,39 | 3,34 |
| hsa-miR-4791 | 9,00E-02 | 6,61E-01 | 1,39 | 3,34 |
| hsa-miR-4431 | 1,61E-01 | 7,40E-01 | 1,74 | 3,18 |
| hsa-miR-584 | 1,01E-01 | 6,90E-01 | 1,37 | 3,13 |
| hsa-miR-4718 | 1,06E-01 | 6,69E-01 | 1,36 | 3,05 |
| hsa-miR-451 | 1,72E-01 | 7,40E-01 | 1,70 | 2,99 |

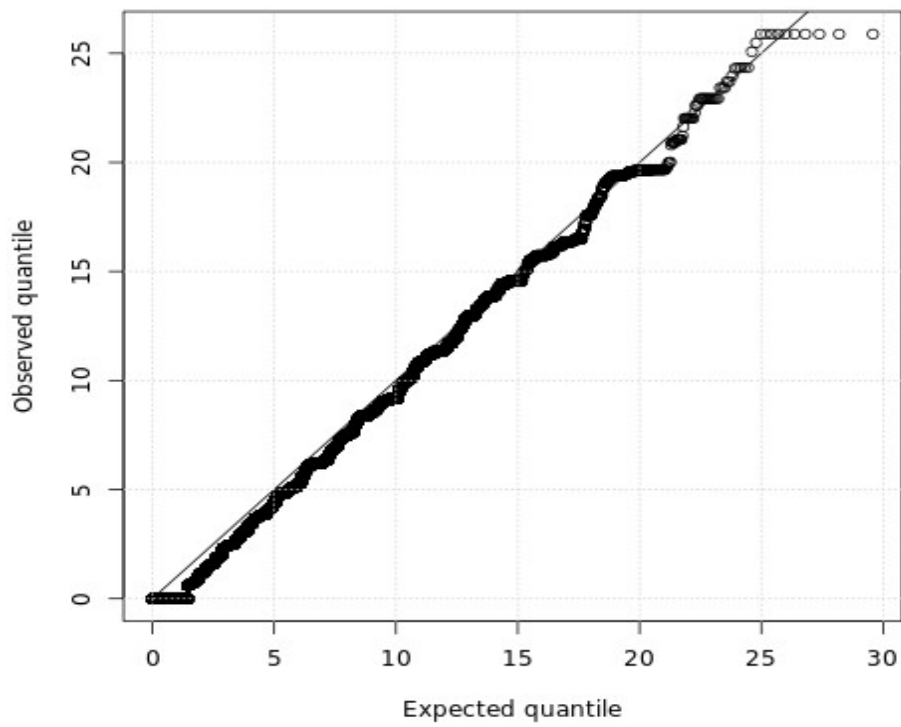
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|----------------------|----------|----------|------|------|
| hsa-miR-4508 | 1,27E-01 | 7,01E-01 | 1,45 | 2,98 |
| hsa-miR-103b | 1,18E-01 | 6,92E-01 | 1,38 | 2,96 |
| hsa-miR-4633- | 1,20E-01 | 6,80E-01 | 1,38 | 2,91 |
| 5p | | | | |
| hsa-miR-3193 | 1,52E-01 | 7,26E-01 | 1,53 | 2,89 |
| hsa-miR-190b | 1,18E-01 | 6,84E-01 | 1,35 | 2,88 |
| hsa-miR-190 | 1,18E-01 | 6,78E-01 | 1,35 | 2,88 |
| hsa-miR-3124- | 2,61E-01 | 7,51E-01 | 2,02 | 2,72 |
| 5p | | | | |
| hsa-miR-3912 | 1,91E-01 | 7,22E-01 | 1,64 | 2,71 |

3.4 MUD GWAS quality control

All participants' data survived the quality control performed on the cohort. Of the 3946852 markers post imputation, 2653305 passed the filters used for quality control, with 1293524 SNPs being removed due to them being missing in a proportion of the subjects (Figure 5C) and 23 being removed due to deviations from HWE (Figure 5A); deviation from HWE could be due to genotyping errors, population stratification or true association (Turner *et al.*, 2011). Quality control visualisations were produced to confirm the presence of any poor-quality data needing to be removed (Figure 5 A-C). The quality control of the initial data (no imputation) yielded proportionally similar exclusions with 649422 of 654027 SNPs passing quality control with 19772 SNPs being removed due to them being missing in a proportion of the subjects (Supplementary Figure 1C), 198822 SNPs being removed due to not passing the MAF threshold and 16 being removed due to deviations from HWE (Supplementary Figure 1A). This indicated the effectiveness of the imputation with regards to increasing the amount of usable data in the study.

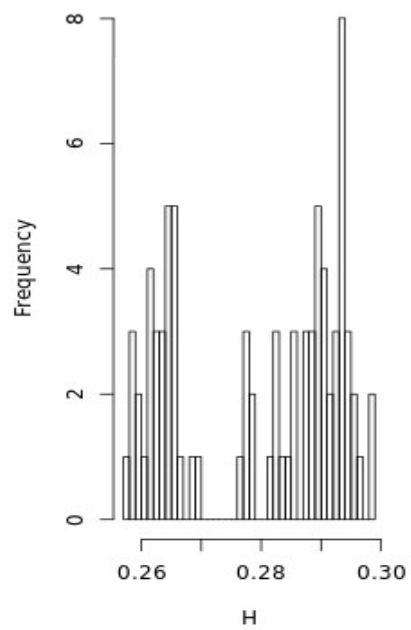
A

Q-Q plot of log(control HWE P-values)

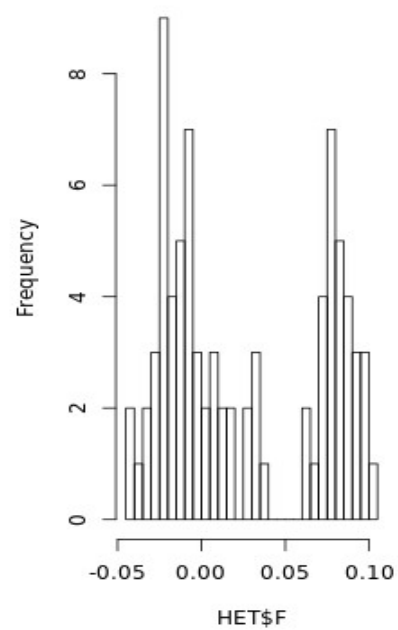


B

Histogram of H



Histogram of HET\$F



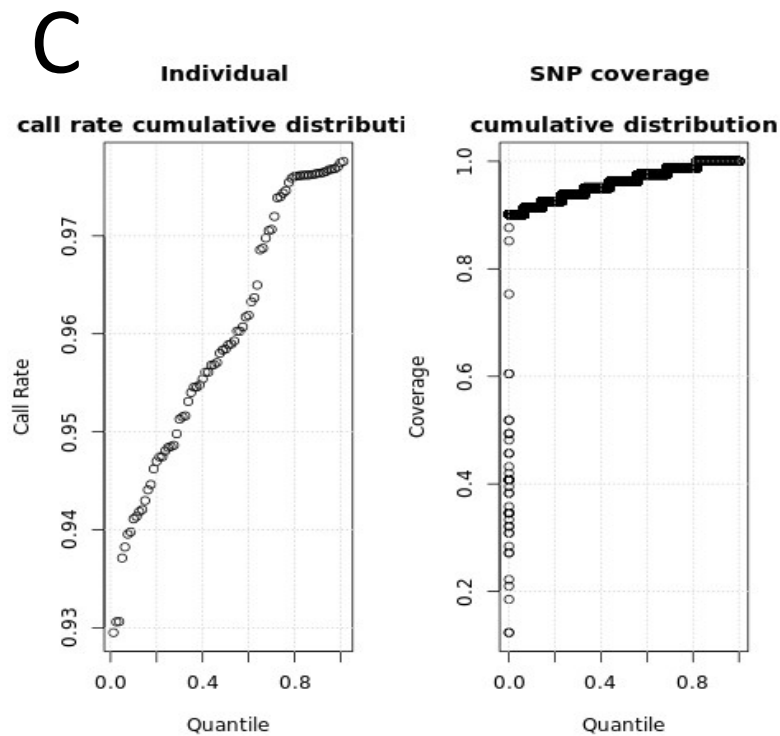


Figure 5: A) Q-Q plot of HWE indicating the expected vs observed values. The separation from the expected HWE values indicate SNPs deviating from the applied threshold which were removed following quality control. B) Histograms visualising the heterozygosity-based distributions measured either using F statistics (calculated by plink) or H (calculated using observed homozygotes and the number of non-missing autosomal genotypes). C) Quantile plots of genotype call rates and SNP coverage were used to confirm the viability of the data for further analyses. These indicate the SNPs passing the threshold of 95% (i.e. 95% of individuals in the study were not missing data for aforementioned SNPs), and the coverage of the SNPs read-depths in proportion to the quantiles of the theoretical cumulative distribution function with SNPs presenting low coverage being removed from the data after quality control.

3.5 MUD GWAS association analyses

The association analyses indicated that while no SNPs passed the genome-wide significance threshold of 5×10^{-8} , 510 SNPs passed nominal GWAS significance threshold of $p < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ (Supplementary Table 3). These results were plotted using Manhattan (Figure 6) and Q-Q plots (Figure 7). The early separation of the observed values from the expected in Figure 7 is most likely attributed to population stratification, as expected due to the heterogeneity of the South African population. Genomic Inflation (Lambda (λ)) was calculated by Plink to be $\lambda = 2.08$. Lambda is calculated using the median observed

test statistic distribution per the expected test statistic distribution for the whole genome; this value is thus indicative of the deviation of the observed vs expected test statistic values with a higher value equating to greater inflation. Accepted lambda values generally fall around 1 with larger studies having values up to 1.42; as such accepted deviation depends on the size of the sample used in the study (Yang *et al.*, 2011).

The association analyses were also run with principle components (PCs) ($n = 10$) as covariates to adjust for the population stratification seen in Figure 7. Once the PCs were included as covariates the strength of association decreases globally and none of the SNPs passed the nominal or genome-wide significance thresholds of 1×10^{-4} and 5×10^{-8} , respectively (Figure 8). Furthermore, although population stratification was adjusted for using the PCs and genomic inflation has decreased ($\lambda = 1.20$), there is significant deflated deviation from the expected values due to sample size (Figure 9).

Genomic inflation can be affected by multiple factors such as population stratification, cryptic relatedness, and genotyping errors. These factors lead to inflated p-values represented by early inflated deviation from expected values, as seen in Figure 7 (Yang *et al.*, 2011).

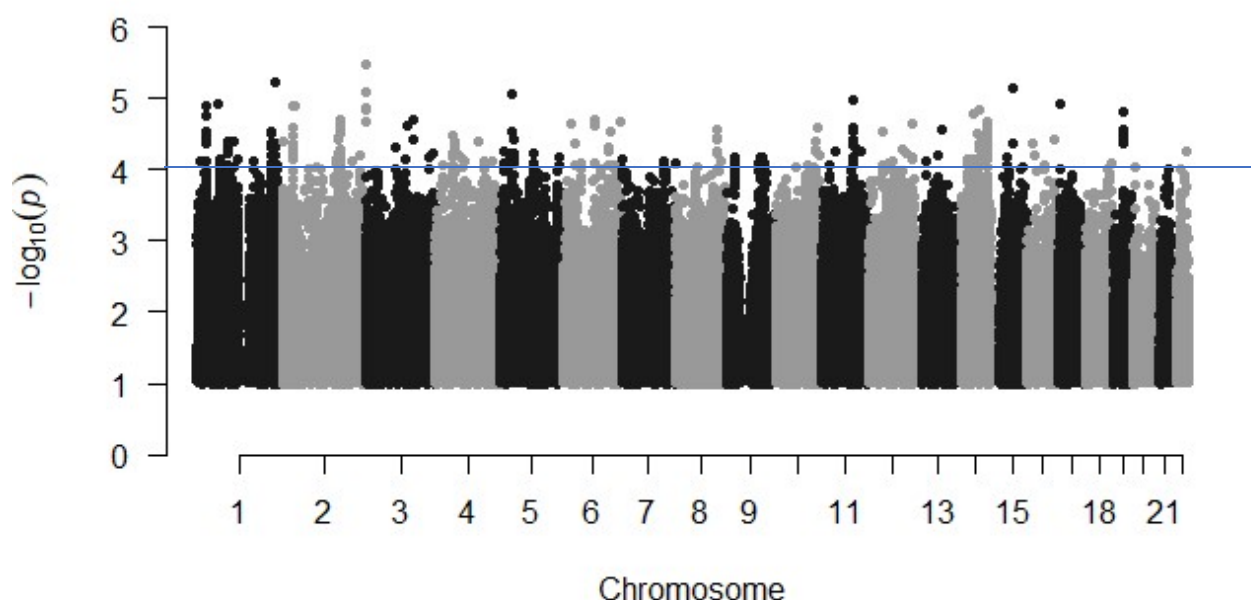


Figure 6: Manhattan plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ logistic regression results for MUD cohort SNPs across each chromosome. A blue ‘trend towards significance line’ indicates SNPs passing the nominal significance threshold of 1×10^{-4} ($n = 510$).

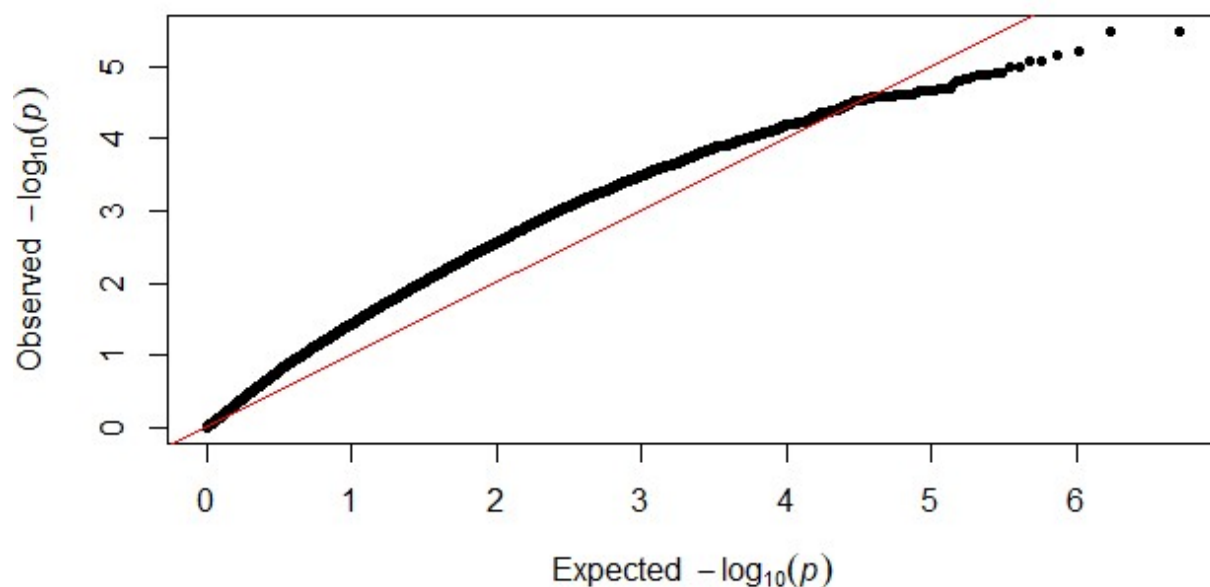


Figure 7: Q-Q plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ results of logistic regression analysis of surviving MUD cohort SNPs plotted against their expected values. Lambda (λ) (genomic inflation) was calculated to be 2.08 by Plink.

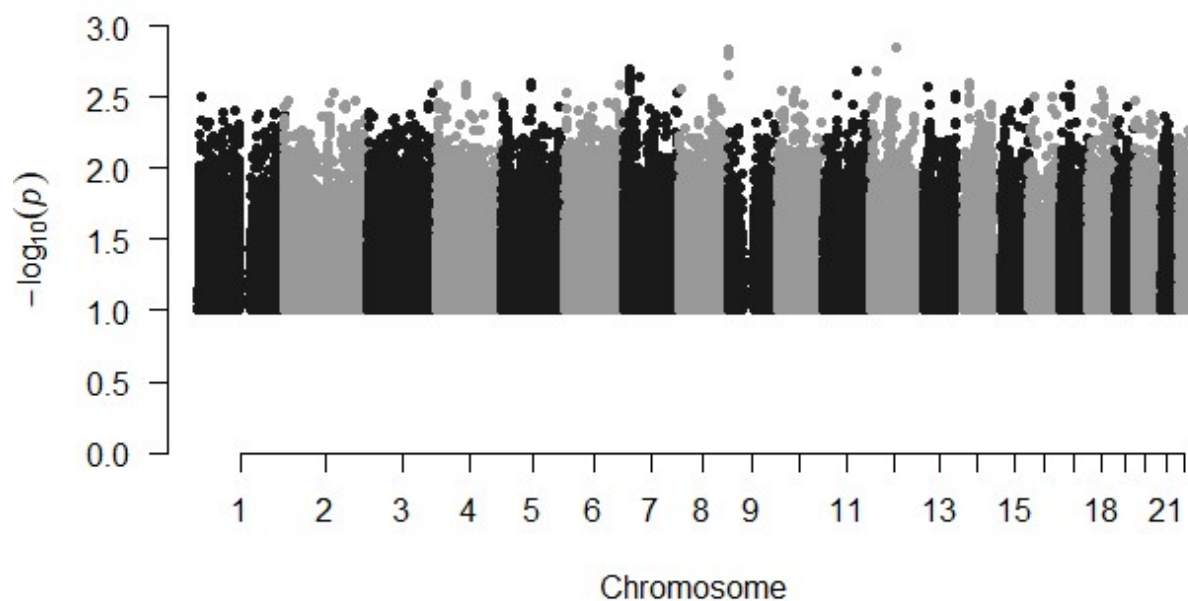


Figure 8: Manhattan plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ logistic regression results for MUD cohort SNPs across each chromosome after adjusting for population stratification using PCs. As expected, once population stratification is adjusted for, no SNPs pass either threshold.

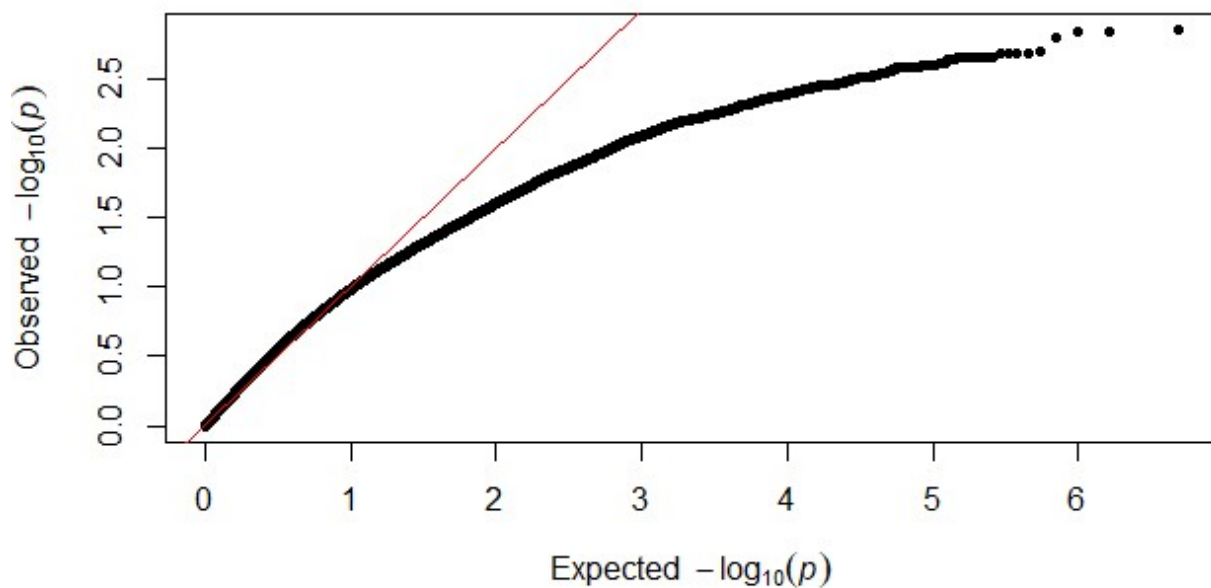


Figure 9: Q-Q plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ results of logistic regression analysis of surviving MUD cohort SNPs, after adjusting for population stratification using PCs, plotted against their expected values. Lambda (λ) (genomic inflation) was calculated to be 1.20 by Plink.

MUD GWAS results on the non-imputed data are provided in the supplement (Supplementary Figures 2-5).

3.6 MUD GWAS *in silico* analyses

Seeing that association analyses adjusting for PCs resulted in a loss of any SNPs approaching significance, the *in silico* analyses conducted for the MUD cohort all pertain to the results obtained without adjusting for PCs and as such do not account for population stratification in the MUD cohort. This means that the data used for *in silico* analyses are inflated; however as this is a pilot study, these results could become more reliable with increased cohort size should this become available (Price *et al.*, 2006; Ma and Amos, 2010; Shaukat, Rao and Khan, 2016). While PCA is the most appropriate method of accounting for population stratification and reduces inflation of the data, it does so at the cost of power to detect association which resulted in no detected associations; this does not necessarily equate to no associations, but simply a lack of association with the current cohort size.

Of the 510 SNPs identified by the association analyses (without PCA), only one presented any direct miRNA-mediated regulation potential when investigated using TarBase and SNPnexus; rs1805414 which was predicted to affect miR-29a-3p, miR-29b-3p, miR29c-3p and miR-21-3p. This is the largest change between the initial data (no imputation), as the initial data was unable to find any direct

miRNA-mediated regulation potential in the list of nominally significant SNPs. Enrichment analyses was performed using Enrichr yielding the top 50 GO biological processes for the 125 prioritised host genes identified by GAD (Supplementary Table 5). Investigation of miRNA-mediated regulation potential was performed for the 125 host genes identified via GAD, which were found to be regulated by several miRNA transcripts (Supplementary Table 6). The enrichment analyses performed using the initial data (no imputation) was only done using 116 identified using GAD; there are a number of different genes between the initial and imputed dataset however the biological processes identified remained consistent, with only the miRNA predicted via enrichment changing significantly (Supplementary Tables 8 and 9).

3.7 Cohort comparison results

The host genes of the MUD cohort were then compared to those identified in the CUD cohort, yielding a list of 57 genes that were exclusively identified in the MUD cohort (Supplementary Table 7). These host genes then underwent separate enrichment analyses, via Enrichr yielding the top 50 GO biological processes (Table 6) and miRNA (Table 7) associated with the genes associated exclusively with the MUD data. This was also done for the initial dataset which yielded 56 MUD unique genes (Supplementary Table 10), with enrichment analyses again outputting similar biological processes but with some miRNA predictions differing (Supplementary Tables 11 and 12).

Table 6: Top 50 (5%) GO biological processes associated with MUD exclusive host genes identified using Enrichr. Biological processes output are ranked by Z-score as this is the most accurate measure as described above (Chapter 2, page 20).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|--|-----------|------------------|------------|---------|
| positive regulation of ion transmembrane transport (GO:0034767) | 2,94 E-04 | 0,75 | 76,63 | 623,22 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:2000651) | 4,47 E-04 | 0,76 | 62,70 | 483,57 |
| positive regulation of muscle hypertrophy (GO:0014742) | 7,35 E-04 | 0,94 | 49,26 | 355,42 |
| positive regulation of transporter activity (GO:0032411) | 7,35 E-04 | 0,75 | 49,26 | 355,42 |
| positive regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010613) | 9,66 E-04 | 0,82 | 43,10 | 299,23 |
| hyaluronan catabolic process (GO:0030214) | 9,66 E-04 | 0,70 | 43,10 | 299,23 |
| positive regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903861) | 1,09 E-03 | 0,70 | 40,57 | 276,62 |

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|------|-------|------------|
| regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903859) | 1,23 E-03 | 0,70 | 38,31 | 256, 81 |
| vesicle-mediated transport in synapse (GO:0099003) | 1,54 E-04 | 0,79 | 28,74 | 252, 19 |
| regulation of mesenchymal stem cell differentiation (GO:2000739) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| regulation of oxidative stress-induced neuron intrinsic apoptotic signalling pathway (GO:1903376) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| regulation of skeletal muscle satellite cell proliferation (GO:0014842) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| negative regulation of interleukin-6 secretion (GO:1900165) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| cellular triglyceride homeostasis (GO:0035356) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| regulation of NAD(P)H oxidase activity (GO:0033860) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| regulation of adiponectin secretion (GO:0070163) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transport (GO:1902307) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| negative regulation of amino acid transport (GO:0051956) | 1,73 E-02 | 1,00 | 57,47 | 233, 24 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010611) | 1,68 E-03 | 0,85 | 32,84 | 209, 91 |
| hyaluronan metabolic process (GO:0030212) | 1,68 E-03 | 0,78 | 32,84 | 209, 91 |
| regulation of monocyte chemotactic protein-1 production (GO:0071637) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| positive regulation of myeloid cell apoptotic process (GO:0033034) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| positive regulation of calcineurin-NFAT signalling cascade (GO:0070886) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| mitochondrial DNA metabolic process (GO:0032042) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle cell membrane potential (GO:0086036) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| myoblast fusion (GO:0007520) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| regulation of endothelial cell chemotaxis to fibroblast growth factor (GO:2000544) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| malate metabolic process (GO:0006108) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| positive regulation of autophagy of mitochondrion (GO:1903599) | 2,01 E-02 | 1,00 | 49,26 | 192, 40 |
| positive regulation of ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:0032414) | 2,01 E-03 | 0,86 | 29,99 | 186, 18 |
| peptidyl-cysteine modification (GO:0018198) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |

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|---|--------------|------|-------|------------|
| positive regulation of protein homodimerization activity (GO:0090073) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| response to epinephrine (GO:0071871) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| phosphatidylinositol-3-phosphate biosynthetic process (GO:0036092) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| glycerol-3-phosphate metabolic process (GO:0006072) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| negative regulation of anion transmembrane transport (GO:1903960) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| lagging strand elongation (GO:0006273) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| negative regulation of potassium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:1901017) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| cellular response to epinephrine stimulus (GO:0071872) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| negative regulation of biosynthetic process (GO:0009890) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| regulation of ATP biosynthetic process (GO:2001169) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| polyol biosynthetic process (GO:0046173) | 2,30 E-02 | 1,00 | 43,10 | 162, 65 |
| carboxylic acid catabolic process (GO:0046395) | 2,98 E-03 | 1,00 | 24,63 | 143, 28 |
| positive regulation of leukocyte apoptotic process (GO:2000108) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |
| negative regulation of gluconeogenesis (GO:0045721) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |
| response to muscle stretch (GO:0035994) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |
| negative regulation of protein sumoylation (GO:0033234) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |
| regulation of protein acetylation (GO:1901983) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |
| negative regulation of response to reactive oxygen species (GO:1901032) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |
| positive regulation of vascular endothelial cell proliferation (GO:1905564) | 2,58 E-02 | 1,00 | 38,31 | 140, 12 |

Table 7: Top 50 miRNA associated with MUD exclusive host genes based off enrichment analysis. Predicted miRNA are ranked by Z-score as this is the most accurate measure as described above (Chapter 2, page 20).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| hsa-miR-382 | 0,02 | 1,00 | 9,58 | 38,19 |

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|---|------|------|------|-------|
| hsa-miR-335 | 0,03 | 1,00 | 7,93 | 28,81 |
| hsa-miR-223 | 0,03 | 1,00 | 7,04 | 24,03 |
| hsa-miR-202 | 0,04 | 1,00 | 6,76 | 22,59 |
| hsa-miR-26A, hsa-miR-26B | 0,01 | 1,00 | 4,58 | 20,55 |
| hsa-miR-22 | 0,03 | 1,00 | 4,46 | 15,67 |
| hsa-miR-507 | 0,06 | 1,00 | 5,26 | 15,22 |
| hsa-miR-324-5P | 0,14 | 1,00 | 6,90 | 13,79 |
| hsa-miR-383 | 0,14 | 1,00 | 6,90 | 13,79 |
| hsa-miR-200A | 0,15 | 1,00 | 6,39 | 12,32 |
| hsa-miR-486 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 5,95 | 11,08 |
| hsa-miR-526C, hsa-miR-518F, hsa-miR-526A | 0,16 | 1,00 | 5,95 | 11,08 |
| hsa-miR-199A, hsa-miR-199B | 0,08 | 1,00 | 4,31 | 10,96 |
| hsa-miR-30A-5P, hsa-miR-30C, hsa-miR-30D, hsa-miR-30B, hsa-miR-30E-5P | 0,03 | 1,00 | 2,96 | 10,75 |
| hsa-miR-323 | 0,08 | 1,00 | 4,23 | 10,62 |
| hsa-miR-345 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 5,75 | 10,53 |
| hsa-miR-432 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 5,65 | 10,27 |
| hsa-miR-105 | 0,09 | 1,00 | 3,92 | 9,33 |
| hsa-miR-25, hsa-miR-32, hsa-miR-92, hsa-miR-363, hsa-miR-367 | 0,06 | 1,00 | 3,33 | 9,28 |
| hsa-miR-202 | 0,10 | 1,00 | 3,85 | 9,06 |
| hsa-miR-508 | 0,18 | 1,00 | 5,15 | 8,91 |
| hsa-miR-302B | 0,18 | 1,00 | 5,00 | 8,52 |
| hsa-miR-122A | 0,20 | 1,00 | 4,60 | 7,49 |
| hsa-miR-296 | 0,20 | 1,00 | 4,60 | 7,49 |
| hsa-miR-19A, hsa-miR-19B | 0,06 | 1,00 | 2,66 | 7,35 |
| hsa-miR-30A-3P, hsa-miR-30E-3P | 0,12 | 1,00 | 3,40 | 7,28 |
| hsa-miR-499 | 0,20 | 1,00 | 4,48 | 7,19 |
| hsa-miR-381 | 0,12 | 1,00 | 3,35 | 7,09 |
| hsa-miR-136 | 0,21 | 1,00 | 4,31 | 6,77 |
| hsa-miR-518A-2 | 0,13 | 1,00 | 3,24 | 6,68 |
| hsa-miR-34B | 0,13 | 1,00 | 3,12 | 6,26 |
| hsa-miR-103, hsa-miR-107 | 0,13 | 1,00 | 3,12 | 6,26 |
| hsa-miR-218 | 0,11 | 1,00 | 2,57 | 5,65 |
| hsa-miR-150 | 0,23 | 1,00 | 3,83 | 5,62 |
| hsa-miR-130A, hsa-miR-301, hsa-miR-130B | 0,11 | 1,00 | 2,55 | 5,57 |
| hsa-miR-9 | 0,15 | 1,00 | 2,92 | 5,55 |
| hsa-miR-361 | 0,24 | 1,00 | 3,71 | 5,34 |
| hsa-miR-302C | 0,16 | 1,00 | 2,84 | 5,26 |
| hsa-miR-324-3P | 0,25 | 1,00 | 3,55 | 4,99 |
| hsa-miR-500 | 0,25 | 1,00 | 3,48 | 4,82 |
| hsa-miR-505 | 0,26 | 1,00 | 3,28 | 4,38 |
| hsa-miR-484 | 0,27 | 1,00 | 3,19 | 4,18 |
| hsa-miR-200B, hsa-miR-200C, hsa-miR-429 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 2,20 | 4,10 |
| hsa-miR-452 | 0,28 | 1,00 | 3,08 | 3,94 |

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|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| hsa-miR-374 | 0,20 | 1,00 | 2,42 | 3,89 |
| hsa-miR-217 | 0,28 | 1,00 | 3,00 | 3,77 |
| hsa-miR-9 | 0,18 | 1,00 | 2,06 | 3,57 |
| hsa-miR-506 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 1,89 | 3,44 |
| hsa-miR-96 | 0,22 | 1,00 | 2,27 | 3,43 |
| hsa-miR-516-3P | 0,30 | 1,00 | 2,78 | 3,32 |

Chapter 4 Discussion

This study aimed to further elucidate the potential regulatory role of miRNA in MUD by using a PGC-CUD discovery cohort alongside a local MUD cohort. The study findings indicate that while individuals with CUD or MUD are associated with similar genes, there are also several genes unique to the MUD cohort that have been previously associated with MUD aetiology, such as *PARP1*, *UNC13A*, *PARK2*, *PARK7* and several *SLC* family genes. Subsequently, analyses predicted regulation by several miRNA that have been previously associated with MUD as well as other SUDs, such as miR-9, miR-21, miR-22, miR-29a, miR-29b, miR-29c, miR-96 and miR-200. Furthermore, the enrichment analyses identified several biological processes associated with these genes that were involved in MUD aetiology, such as processes involved in synaptic transport mechanisms, autoinflammatory immune response, autophagy, apoptosis, and synaptic plasticity.

In this way, the study further elucidated the molecular underpinnings of MUD with regards to miRNA-mediated regulation. The study identified miR-let-7e-5p and miR-140-5p to be directly involved in CUD, with subsequent enrichment analyses also indicating association of several other miRNA, such as miR-190b, miR-196a-5p, miR-196b-5p and miR-210-3p, via the CUD discovery cohort. Studies have previously shown that these miRNA are associated with MUD as well as the progression of MUD through regulation of processes related to MA neurotoxicity and synaptic plasticity (Dreyer, 2010; R. Wei *et al.*, 2016; Zhao *et al.*, 2016). Direct miRNA-mediated regulation was found in one MUD nominally associated SNP, rs1805414, which was predicted to be regulated by miR-21-3p and several miR-29 family miRNA. Furthermore, enrichment analyses identified several miRNA statistically associated with MUD including miR-182, miR-125 and miR-200 family miRNA, all of which have been previously associated with MUD disorder aetiology (Zhao *et al.*, 2016; Sim *et al.*, 2017; Li *et al.*, 2018). Further enrichment predictions were made based off a gene list comparison between the two cohorts, MUD and CUD, used in this study. This comparison identified several genes that were associated with both CUD and MUD, as well as several genes that were unique to the MUD cohort, such as *PARP1*, *UNC13A*, *PARK2*, *PARK7* and several *SLC* family genes. These enrichment analyses yielded several biological pathways previously associated with substance dependence and MUD aetiology, such as apoptosis, autophagy, and synaptic transport mechanisms, in which these genes are involved. The enrichment analyses also identified several miRNA involved in MUD aetiology to be related to these MUD exclusive genes such as miR-9, miR-22, miR-96, and miR-200.

4.1 CUD as a discovery cohort

Fifty-seven genes were found to be nominally associated with both MUD and CUD. All the genes identified by the *in silico* bioinformatic pipeline were used in an enrichment analysis that identified several miRNA (miR-190, miR-190b, let-7e-5p, miR-196a-5p, miR-196b-5p, miR-140-5p and miR-210-3p) and biological processes related to stimulant abuse/dependence, such as synaptic transport mechanisms (GO:0060402, GO:2001259, GO:1901021, GO:0010359, GO:0071286), autophagy and apoptosis (GO:0001773, GO:0050855, GO:0002664) (Cao et al., 2016; Guha, Harraz and Snyder, 2016). This is supported by studies investigating cocaine neurotoxicity and cellular damage, which found that cocaine's neurotoxicity causes autophagic cell death via a signalling cascade that utilizes nitric oxide (Guha, Harraz and Snyder, 2016) and is also associated with apoptosis (Cao et al., 2016). This is further supported by studies investigating these miRNA. One study found that miR-196a-5p targets genes involved in neuronal differentiation and cell death such as *ANXA1*, a mediator of apoptosis (Kunkanjanawan et al., 2016), while another study in rats found that miR-210-3p was capable of affecting the regulation of inflammation and apoptosis through its effects on *SERPINE1*, a gene involved in several inflammatory pathways (Zhang et al., 2019). Other studies investigating miR-let-7e-5p and miR-190 found that miR-let-7e-5p had an inhibitory effect on apoptosis while miR-190 displays an inhibitory effect on neuroinflammation (Zhang et al., 2018; Q. Sun et al., 2019). This indicates the role of miRNA in the biological processes associated with CUD via the enrichment analyses and thus their subsequent role on cocaine-induced neurotoxicity. This is echoed in similar studies speaking to neurotoxicity in MUD, with one such study indicating that miRNA-mediated regulation of *BBC3*, a gene regulating the relationship between autophagy and apoptosis, as a result of MA use could regulate microglial survival and thus mediate the role of autophagy and apoptosis in MA-induced neurotoxicity (Zhang et al., 2016). Another study found that MA induced increased expression of apoptotic genes, such as *BBC3* and *P53*, and also identified differential expression of autophagy-related genes such as, *ATG12* and *MAP1LC3B*, with *MAP1LC3B* having pro-apoptotic effects; the study stipulates that MA use induces neurotoxicity-associated signalling cascades involved in apoptosis and autophagy (Tehrani et al., 2019). With studies already investigating the effects of miRNA-mediated regulation on genes involved in MA neurotoxicity (Zhang et al., 2016) it would not be surprising for studies to focus more on the specific roles of miRNA in MA-induced autophagy and apoptosis.

The comparison of MUD to CUD identified 57 genes that are exclusively related to nominally significant SNPs (see section 2.7 and Supplementary Table 7) of the MUD association analysis. Enrichment of these genes identified several biological processes associated with MUD and MA

neurotoxicity, such as synaptic transport mechanisms (GO:0034767, GO:0099003 and GO:1902307), autoinflammatory immune response (GO:1900165), apoptosis (GO:1903376, GO:0033034 and GO:2000108) and autophagy (GO:1903599) and synaptic plasticity (GO:1903861 and GO:1903859). The enrichment of these genes also yielded a miRNA regulatory network comprised of miRNA known to regulate processes involved in MUD aetiology as well as miRNA previously associated with other SUDs (Buchanan, Sparkman and Johnson, 2010; Zhang et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2017; Kays and Yamamoto, 2019; Sun et al., 2019). Several studies have already been conducted investigating the role of miRNA in these processes, with one study identifying differential expression of miRNA involved in synaptic plasticity and synaptic transmission as a result of MA exposure (Sim *et al.*, 2017). Another study investigating miRNA expression in MA-exposed mice suggested that miRNA being regulated by MA exposure contribute to neuronal autophagy and immune response (Zhu *et al.*, 2015); this is further supported by other studies investigating the role of miRNA in drug abuse where differential expression was identified in miRNA associated with adaptive immunity and neurotransmitter release in dopamine neurons (Zhang, Jing and Wang, 2016).

4.2 MUD association and *in silico* analyses

4.2.1 Genetic association analyses

While no SNPs passed the genome-wide significance threshold in the MUD cohort, 125 SNPs passed the nominal significance threshold. Only one of the surviving SNPs were directly involved in miRNA-mediated regulation, however, the genes wherein the surviving SNPs were located had miRNA-regulatory potential. This SNP, rs1805414, mapped to the *PARP1* gene which is known to be involved in neurodegenerative diseases and plays a role in regulating apoptosis (Martire, Mosca and d'Erme, 2015). This is further validated in a rat study that found that methamphetamine induced an increase in PARP1 protein expression indicating apoptosis activation (Wang *et al.*, 2017). The SNP indicated direct involvement with four miRNA, miR-21-3p, miR-29a-3p, miR-29b-3p and miR29c-3p. Of these miRNA, a study by Zhu *et al.* (2015), indicated differential expression of miR-29b and miR-29c as a result of MA exposure and suggested that miRNA contributed to MA addiction through regulation of the reward pathways affected by MA as well as regulation of synaptic plasticity; with other studies also indicating a role in apoptosis (Liu *et al.*, 2016; Chen *et al.*, 2017). Another study found that miR-21-3p was able to regulate cellular apoptosis and inflammation through its regulation of *MAT2B* (Ge *et al.*, 2018), with both pathways known to be involved in MUD aetiology. A recent study investigating the effects of Rhynchophylline, a medicinal herb, on conditioned place preference (CPP) rats conditioned by methamphetamine found the differential expression of miR-21 in serum exosomes (Li *et al.*, 2018) with miR-21 known to be expressed in dendritic cell subsets

while also inhibiting many pro-inflammatory cytokine production pathways and offering protection against apoptosis (Smyth *et al.*, 2015; Han *et al.*, 2017; He *et al.*, 2017; Yu *et al.*, 2019). miR-29a was also found to be involved in apoptosis by another study which found that knock-down of miR-29a resulted in an upregulation of *P21* and *P53* which are known to be involved in apoptosis induction (Khamisipour *et al.*, 2018). These studies indicate that this SNP is involved direct miRNA-mediated regulation by several miRNA that are involved in processes known to be involved in MUD aetiology (Zhang *et al.*, 2016; Tehrani *et al.*, 2019). This association is also found in the subsequent enrichment analyses of the host genes identified. The genes identified included several of the genes identified in the CUD cohort summary statistics as well as several others unique to the MUD cohort data; such as *UNC13A* a key component to synaptic transport mechanisms due to its role in vesicle fusion at defined release sites (Reddy-Alla *et al.*, 2017). Another gene identified here, i.e. *PARK2*, is associated with autophagy (Wang *et al.*, 2012), along with *PARK7* (B. Wang *et al.*, 2016) which can protect against MA neurotoxicity (Moszczynska, 2016).

4.2.2 Enrichment analyses

Gene enrichment analyses revealed several biological processes associated with synaptic plasticity, such as dendritic spine morphogenesis and regulation of dendrite extension (GO:0060997 and GO:1903859), and immune response, such as negative regulation of interleukin-6 secretion and regulation of cellular pH (GO:1900165 and GO:0030641) (Lippman and Dunaevsky, 2005; Esnafoglu and Ayyıldız, 2017; Buechler and Turley, 2018; Erra Díaz, Dantas and Geffner, 2018). The enrichment analyses also identified miRNA targeting these genes, several of which were found to be previously associated with other SUDs, such as miR-125, miR-182 and miR-200 which have been associated with CUD (Eipper-Mains *et al.*, 2011) and miR-9 which has been previously associated with alcohol use disorder (Treisman and Martin, 2009). While there were no major differences to the biological processes predicted via enrichment of the initial dataset (no imputation), there were a number of predicted miRNA that differed with the initial dataset identifying other miRNA associated with MUD and related processes such as miR-21 and miR-210 which were previously associated with other SUDs such as alcohol use disorder and nicotine dependence.

When the MUD unique genes were separately assessed via enrichment for different biological processes, gene ontologies and miRNA, the biological processes associated were involved in immune response, dendritic spine morphogenesis and synaptic transport mechanisms. This is not surprising as MA has been shown to decrease the amount of dendritic cells and has shown to produce an immunosuppressive effect (Harms *et al.*, 2012), it has also been shown that MA produces abnormal changes in neurotransmission and neuronal plasticity due to its effects on synaptic transport

mechanisms such as the voltage-gated calcium channels (Cadet, Bisagno and Milroy, 2014; González *et al.*, 2016). Studies have shown that drug-induced changes to dendritic spine density and plasticity are important factors for addictive behaviours (Hyman, Malenka and Nestler, 2006), with another study investigating whether MA-induced effects on dendritic spine structure were resultant of conditioning or not indicated that the increase in spine density was related to drug-associated memory acquisition (Singer *et al.*, 2009); in short, MA induces several changes to dendritic spine density and plasticity subsequently affecting drug-associated learning and addictive behaviours (Zhao *et al.*, 2019). Methamphetamine is known to affect various facets of the immune system ranging from innate and adaptive immune response to dendritic cells (Mahajan *et al.*, 2006; Martinez *et al.*, 2009; Sriram *et al.*, 2016). A recent study investigating the effect of MA on T cell proliferation found that MA induced differential regulation of genes involved in cell cycle progression and suggested that this dysregulation could result in inhibited T cell proliferation thus negatively effecting immune response (Potula *et al.*, 2018). Thus, enrichment analyses of the MUD associated genes were able to identify several biological processes involved in MUD disorder aetiology.

4.2.3 Investigating the role of miRNA

The enrichment of these MUD unique genes also identified several miRNA that were also found to regulate genes in other SUDs as well as MUD and were previously associated with SUDs such as CUD and alcohol use disorder (O'Connor *et al.*, 2016). These include miR-96 and miR-200 which have been previously associated with apoptosis and autophagy, and miR-9 and miR-22 which has been previously associated with synaptic plasticity and dendritic extension. miR-9 has been shown to interact with *RAP2A*, a gene which is associated with synaptic plasticity as well as dendritic spine morphology (Stornetta and Zhu, 2011; Sim *et al.*, 2016; Xue *et al.*, 2016) but is also shown to be associated with apoptosis through its effects on *BCL2L1*, a gene known to be associated with toxicity induced autophagy and apoptosis (Luo and Rubinsztein, 2013; N. Wei *et al.*, 2016). Likewise, miR-22 is also shown to be involved in synaptic plasticity, through its effects on *CBEF* which is involved in long-term memory related synaptic plasticity (Fiumara *et al.*, 2015; Hu and Li, 2017), as well as apoptosis through its interaction with several apoptosis-related genes such as *CASP3*, *BCL2* and *eIF4EBP3* (Ma *et al.*, 2016; Lv *et al.*, 2018). miR-200 was shown to be involved in oxidative-stress induced apoptosis and simulated neurotoxin induced apoptosis through an interaction with *P53*, a known apoptosis related gene (Pandey *et al.*, 2015; Wei *et al.*, 2015). Similarly, miR-96 was shown to be associated with apoptosis and was found to inhibit autophagy through an interaction with *FOXO1* which has been associated with both autophagy and apoptosis (Hariharan Nirmala *et al.*, 2010; Hafliadóttir *et al.*, 2013; Shi *et al.*, 2017). The enrichment of MUD unique genes from the

initial non-imputed dataset also yielded several other predicted miRNA such as miR-142-3p which has been previously associated with dendritic cell function and immune response (Smyth *et al.*, 2015), miR-126 and miR-516a family miRNA, which have been previously associated with drug metabolism (He *et al.*, 2015). miR-142-3p is predicted to interact with interleukin 6 (IL-6) with studies having shown that MA use significantly upregulates IL-6 secretion (Smyth *et al.*, 2015; Papageorgiou *et al.*, 2019). miR-126 has been shown to interact with *SLC* family genes (He *et al.*, 2015), many of which are involved in synaptic transport mechanisms (Hu *et al.*, 2020), while miR-516a interacts with *SULF1* a gene known to be associated to drug metabolism (He *et al.*, 2015). A recent study, investigating the effects of miR-142-3p on a neuroinflammatory gene *PELII*, indicated that miR-142-3p produced an inhibitory effect towards MA-induced neuroinflammation by targeting *PELII* and stipulated that modifications to the miR-142-3p/*PELII* axis could be a potential therapeutic strategy for MA-mediated neuroinflammation (Yu *et al.*, 2019). These and many other miRNA were also found to be associated with MUD aetiology through proxy studies; a rat study indicated differential expression of miR-200 and miR-9 as a result of MA exposure (Sim *et al.*, 2017) with another study indicating differential expression of miR-22 as a result of MA exposure in serum-exosomes (Zhao *et al.*, 2016). These studies indicate the role that miRNA identified in this study have with regards to MUD aetiology through their involvement in several pathways associated with MUD.

From these findings it can be inferred that while SUDs share common molecular mechanisms and pathways, there may be regulatory differences amongst the different SUDs. This emphasizes the importance of understanding the miRNA networks influencing these pathways and mechanisms to properly elucidate the specific disorder's aetiology.

4.3 Limitations

4.3.1 Cohort size

Several limitations need to be considered. The relatively small sample size of the MUD cohort likely resulted in the lack of SNPs passing genome-wide significance. However, as this is an exploratory study that makes use of a large CUD discovery cohort to assist identification of relevant data, the sample size is suitable for use in this manner.

4.3.2 *In silico* online tools

The online tools used to perform *in silico* analyses and enrichment analyses often use third-party databases, meaning that not all current research is able to be referenced by the database when accessed, as some of these databases are no longer being curated. Even when the databases are up to date there

is very little literature and information available on MUD and as a result the database cannot identify strong associations between the genes and the MUD phenotype.

4.3.3 Diagnostic criterion and separate study sites

The patients were all diagnosed for a separate study by Lanesman *et al* (2019) and as such, many of the samples that were collected and used for DNA extraction were done using different protocols leading to extraction efficiency differences and as such some subjects samples were unable to be assayed and used in the study and could not be included in the study cohort. Furthermore, the cohort used consisted of South African mixed-ancestry individuals and as such consisted of a very heterogeneous population, which could not be accounted for in the association analyses due to sample size.

4.3.4 Covariate and confounding data not accounted for

Population stratification due to the mixed ancestry of the cohort could not be accounted for due to the small sample size. As seen in Figure 7, there was a high level of genomic inflation in this study as is evidenced by the inflation of the observed test statistics seen deviating from the expected values as the population stratification being left unaccounted for results in artificial differences in allele frequencies affecting the investigated SNPs and subsequently the test statistics.

As mentioned in Materials and Methods (Chapter 2), population stratification was accounted for by way of PCA, however as this resulted in further reducing the power to detect association in this study and left no SNPs passing the genome-wide or nominal significance thresholds (5×10^{-8} and 1×10^{-4} , respectively) this was subsequently left unaccounted for, resulting in the SNPs passing the nominal significance threshold of 1×10^{-4} but at the cost of a high level of genomic inflation which could indicate false positives.

Nonetheless, this study was able to identify several miRNA and target genes trending towards significant association with MUD disorder aetiology. These findings, discussed above, are consistent with the little MUD literature currently available as well as literature on other SUDs. Further investigation of the underlying MUD-mediated regulatory network is warranted.

4.4 Future considerations

In future, studies should investigate MUD as compared to several other SUDs as opposed to just one (CUD) to identify SNPs and genes common to all, as well as genes unique to MUD. As with any NP disorder study, cross-disorder studies should be conducted to understand the similarities between MUD and other NP disorders. Studies should also consider other epigenetic regulatory networks, such as DNA methylation, involved in the regulation of the disorder. Studies should also aim to

investigate these factors in diverse population groups as these groups have the potential to produce more diverse information than homogeneous population groups typically studied. Additionally, studies should account for population stratification (to avoid false-positives) and should consider using imputation with newer South African-centric reference genomes, where applicable, to enhance the ability to detect associations with MUD. Finally, functional validation of putative miRNA mechanisms should be performed to validate the effect of miRNA-mediated regulation in MUD and MUD related biological processes and pathways. Hopefully, in the future, more work will be done on this disorder in a local context to enhance and/or broaden the knowledge scope of MUD to alleviate the socio-economic burden caused by the disorder.

4.5 Conclusion

In this study a CUD discovery cohort was used alongside association analyses of a local cohort with MUD and *in silico* online tools to investigate the role of miRNA-mediated regulation in MUD. The objectives of the study were to perform a logistic regression association analysis of the MUD cohort, and use bioinformatics and enrichment analyses on both the CUD and MUD cohorts before comparing the bioinformatic profiles of each cohort to elucidate the role of miRNA in MUD.

To summarize, this study indicates an epigenetic component to MUD aetiology through miRNA-mediated regulation of genes involved in biological processes related to MUD pathophysiology. This was accomplished despite using a relatively small mixed-ancestry cohort, with high levels of genomic admixture affecting population stratification, where population-stratification was left unaccounted for leading to high levels of genomic inflation. Thus, it is plausible that with a larger sample size and fewer confounding factors (like population stratification), these results may increase in significance or allow for more accurate results.

In conclusion, this study contributes to knowledge on the molecular underpinnings of MUD, highlighting the differences between MUD and other stimulant use disorders like CUD. It also suggests an epigenetic component to MUD aetiology in the form of miRNA-mediated regulation. As such, the need for better characterisation of these disorders is indicated; subsequently leading to more objective ways of diagnosis. This study contributes to the understanding of how miRNA regulatory networks function in MUD through their interaction with genes both exclusive to MUD and common amongst this and other SUDs. Furthermore, this is the first study investigating the molecular underpinnings of MUD in a South African cohort, indicating the potential for use of local mixed-ancestry populations to identify novel variants associated with miRNA-mediated regulation in MUD disorder aetiology.

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Chapter 6 Appendices

Supplementary Table 1: SNPs passing nominal significance threshold associated with CUD obtained from summary statistics of the study by Gelernter *et al* (2014).

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| 5 | 154900898 | T | C | rs11742116 | 7,25E-05 |
| 11 | 34889989 | C | T | rs3962032 | 7,25E-05 |
| 11 | 34889842 | C | T | rs2102475 | 7,26E-05 |
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| 6 | 36599596 | T | C | rs10947615 | 7,32E-05 |
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| 6 | 36562021 | G | C | rs1076931 | 7,64E-05 |
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| 13 | 95446803 | G | A | rs792306 | 7,79E-05 |
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| 15 | 94160966 | T | A | rs12908655 | 7,92E-05 |

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| 3 | 52516293 | C | G | rs6800707 | 8,75E-05 |
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| 4 | 139808394 | A | G | rs11727347 | 9,01E-05 |
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| 11 | 43235744 | T | C | rs12225754 | 9,72E-05 |

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| 11 | 43235304 | G | C | rs74377757 | 9,75E-05 |
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| 10 | 32771367 | G | T | rs3006726 | 9,90E-05 |
| 7 | 4113494 | C | G | rs7807206 | 9,93E-05 |
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| 11 | 43229632 | C | T | rs11530138 | 9,94E-05 |
| 10 | 32897917 | C | T | rs2992079 | 9,97E-05 |
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Supplementary Table 2: Host genes associated with CUD SNPs identified using SNPnexus GAD.

| Host Genes |
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| GC |
| KCTD20 |
| DHFRP2 |
| SEMA3D |
| PHTF2 |
| PKD1L1 |
| C7orf44 |
| CAP2 |
| NRAS |

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| CALN1 |
| CAPN8 |
| SPEN |
| EPHB2 |
| PDE4DIP |
| IL12RB2 |
| MTF1 |
| AFF3 |
| TPO |
| MLL3 |
| AMD1 |
| RBMXP1 |
| EMR2 |
| EMR3 |
| ANG |
| HP |
| HPR |
| CCDC7 |
| MPP7 |
| C7orf10 |
| C10ORF68 |
| ZSWIM5 |
| PTP4A2 |
| MPDZ |
| TDPX2 |
| MBL2 |
| WDR7 |
| ZNF32 |
| RET |
| SORCS3 |
| ANK3 |
| CPN1 |
| LIPA |

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| AGK |
| STK38 |
| BLK |
| ANO3 |
| NAV2 |
| SLC6A5 |
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| PDHX |
| RCN1 |
| HSP90AA2 |
| TMEM132C |
| DAO |
| TPH2 |
| ZNF107 |
| ZNF92 |
| ZNF138 |
| CDH3 |
| TNP2 |
| SEPT10 |
| AGBL3 |
| GPR109A |
| ATG7 |
| LRRN1 |
| ZNF717 |
| TACC2 |
| INPP5F |
| MYEOV |
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| TRIM16 |
| COX10 |
| TKT |
| TMEM9 |
| HTRA3 |
| AREG |
| FAM23A |
| MRC1L1 |
| MRC1 |
| IFI27L1 |
| TGM6 |
| LRRN4 |
| FBLN2 |
| FLJ22536 |
| UNC13C |
| SDCCAG10 |
| CWC27 |
| C7orf63 |
| FHOD3 |
| MTHFS |
| TAF4B |
| JPH2 |
| DAB1 |
| DIO1 |
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| SLAMF1 |
| MAGI1 |
| PTPRN2 |
| CNTNAP5 |
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| FAM13A |
| TEC |
| SLC26A5 |
| PGLYRP2 |
| CACNA2D1 |
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| DNAH5 |
| MYO1D |
| MICAL2 |
| WISP2 |
| CDH4 |
| STK4 |
| CNTNAP2 |
| VIT |
| PIGF |
| ECH1 |
| SNTG2 |
| IMP5 |
| MYOM1 |
| UNQ1887 |
| EIF2AK1 |
| HTT |
| RBMS3 |
| COLQ |
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| NISCH |
| ETV7 |
| MAL2 |
| SFRS3 |
| ACTBP2 |
| TNIK |
| MYO16 |

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| BAZ1A |
| ABCB1 |
| RAX |
| SDK1 |
| UGCGL2 |
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| ERCC1 |
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| TGFBR2 |

Supplementary Table 3: SNPs passing nominal significance threshold (1×10^{-4}) associated with MUD identified using Plink. Association was calculated using logistic regression for the local MUD cohort.

| chr | marker | position | a1 | p-value |
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| 2 | rs10200024 | 241929228 | A | 3,27E-06 |
| 2 | rs10205276 | 241929621 | T | 3,27E-06 |
| 1 | rs2031132 | 227931560 | C | 5,91E-06 |
| 15 | rs4522363 | 61740334 | A | 7,01E-06 |
| 2 | rs4973656 | 242880755 | A | 8,18E-06 |
| 5 | rs10941110 | 33999079 | A | 8,39E-06 |
| 11 | rs61911809 | 90634964 | T | 1,02E-05 |
| 11 | rs61911810 | 90635074 | A | 1,02E-05 |
| 1 | rs4915588 | 61751502 | C | 1,18E-05 |
| 17 | rs11078736 | 8152930 | G | 1,18E-05 |
| 1 | rs204076 | 29190390 | T | 1,28E-05 |
| 2 | rs13407708 | 37677981 | C | 1,28E-05 |
| 2 | rs2361746 | 30342143 | T | 1,29E-05 |
| 2 | rs7569764 | 241930259 | A | 1,33E-05 |
| 14 | rs56151914 | 74700579 | T | 1,44E-05 |
| 2 | rs4675837 | 241925194 | A | 1,46E-05 |
| 19 | rs259244 | 33145097 | C | 1,54E-05 |
| 14 | rs7146440 | 56379818 | A | 1,60E-05 |
| 1 | rs169450 | 29197728 | T | 1,80E-05 |
| 3 | rs361063 | 138404378 | C | 1,95E-05 |
| 6 | rs1923074 | 91373687 | C | 2,02E-05 |
| 2 | rs7579021 | 167879727 | G | 2,03E-05 |
| 2 | rs6707299 | 167886743 | A | 2,03E-05 |
| 2 | rs6726686 | 167887798 | C | 2,03E-05 |

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| 2 | rs35251817 | 242881624 | C | 2,09E-05 |
| 14 | rs11624130 | 98427113 | C | 2,09E-05 |
| 14 | rs11623203 | 98377133 | C | 2,11E-05 |
| 14 | rs11627475 | 98377474 | A | 2,11E-05 |
| 14 | rs4905629 | 98378328 | A | 2,11E-05 |
| 14 | rs1551923 | 98378984 | T | 2,11E-05 |
| 14 | rs1869740 | 98380350 | C | 2,11E-05 |
| 6 | rs2179177 | 166806793 | C | 2,17E-05 |
| 6 | rs9358492 | 22141596 | A | 2,30E-05 |
| 12 | rs61941687 | 125336621 | T | 2,30E-05 |
| 6 | rs2208223 | 91371095 | A | 2,39E-05 |
| 14 | rs4905631 | 98400165 | T | 2,40E-05 |
| 3 | rs1501886 | 117262387 | A | 2,42E-05 |
| 3 | rs9826026 | 117262780 | T | 2,42E-05 |
| 14 | rs754604 | 98424776 | A | 2,46E-05 |
| 2 | rs7569435 | 169122145 | A | 2,47E-05 |
| 14 | rs4905628 | 98371743 | T | 2,47E-05 |
| 14 | rs7154130 | 98374055 | T | 2,47E-05 |
| 14 | rs7154949 | 98374184 | A | 2,47E-05 |
| 11 | rs61911811 | 90635217 | C | 2,49E-05 |
| 11 | rs61911812 | 90635274 | G | 2,49E-05 |
| 11 | rs11605879 | 90641247 | C | 2,49E-05 |
| 11 | rs35559918 | 90644978 | A | 2,49E-05 |
| 10 | rs4752655 | 123897130 | C | 2,58E-05 |
| 2 | rs4952097 | 30320597 | C | 2,61E-05 |
| 14 | rs7142731 | 98379612 | G | 2,62E-05 |
| 11 | rs34221146 | 90639191 | G | 2,64E-05 |
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| 19 | rs259216 | 33138921 | G | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs411328 | 33140178 | G | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259246 | 33146154 | C | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259249 | 33148852 | A | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259251 | 33149768 | A | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259258 | 33152523 | G | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259260 | 33153261 | A | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259265 | 33154930 | G | 2,66E-05 |
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| 19 | rs259275 | 33159693 | G | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259280 | 33161452 | T | 2,66E-05 |
| 19 | rs259282 | 33163043 | T | 2,66E-05 |
| 8 | rs3134077 | 119834468 | T | 2,70E-05 |

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| 14 | rs7150996 | 98401469 | C | 2,72E-05 |
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| 5 | rs6875926 | 34012492 | C | 2,83E-05 |
| 1 | rs11585945 | 214409010 | T | 2,84E-05 |
| 1 | rs12754343 | 214410272 | G | 2,84E-05 |
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| 14 | rs55864276 | 98386818 | A | 2,93E-05 |
| 14 | rs2776595 | 98386835 | A | 2,93E-05 |
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| 11 | rs1404527 | 90609164 | T | 2,95E-05 |
| 11 | rs28817341 | 90616229 | T | 2,95E-05 |
| 11 | rs34339096 | 90619160 | A | 2,95E-05 |
| 11 | rs17209415 | 90625415 | T | 2,95E-05 |
| 12 | rs10880190 | 42306621 | A | 2,97E-05 |
| 11 | rs7950792 | 90571909 | A | 2,97E-05 |
| 19 | rs259241 | 33143701 | G | 3,02E-05 |
| 2 | rs13392079 | 169119178 | T | 3,03E-05 |
| 14 | rs242093 | 69481343 | G | 3,12E-05 |
| 1 | rs7513993 | 214304025 | G | 3,15E-05 |
| 14 | rs2526932 | 73081068 | A | 3,28E-05 |
| 4 | rs12642403 | 54361640 | T | 3,32E-05 |
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| 14 | rs2803956 | 73079464 | A | 3,38E-05 |
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| 14 | rs8015434 | 98365042 | A | 3,58E-05 |
| 14 | rs752668 | 98366896 | G | 3,58E-05 |
| 14 | rs73384053 | 98367678 | G | 3,58E-05 |
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| 5 | rs13154462 | 36227340 | A | 3,66E-05 |
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| 11 | rs2140754 | 90567759 | T | 3,86E-05 |

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| 3 | rs413147 | 138510383 | A | 3,88E-05 |
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| 4 | rs9968386 | 56771826 | T | 3,96E-05 |
| 14 | rs1456998 | 98400746 | T | 3,97E-05 |
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| 14 | rs11629121 | 98357247 | C | 3,99E-05 |
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| 4 | rs6534700 | 129651261 | A | 4,05E-05 |
| 4 | rs6813824 | 129651527 | C | 4,05E-05 |
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| 1 | rs12133199 | 87829836 | C | 4,10E-05 |
| 1 | rs113121917 | 87830523 | A | 4,10E-05 |
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| 1 | rs548894 | 109691188 | C | 4,12E-05 |
| 1 | rs157221 | 29211931 | C | 4,14E-05 |
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| 14 | rs2803959 | 73080618 | T | 4,16E-05 |
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| 6 | rs9366856 | 34405715 | A | 4,18E-05 |
| 6 | rs9394218 | 34405721 | A | 4,18E-05 |
| 6 | rs9469780 | 34406801 | C | 4,18E-05 |
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| 15 | rs208864 | 62593375 | C | 4,18E-05 |
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| 11 | rs7101758 | 90594199 | G | 4,65E-05 |
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| 4 | rs1447047 | 56764824 | G | 4,84E-05 |
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| 4 | rs13147883 | 56743276 | T | 4,93E-05 |
| 14 | rs56224513 | 78480666 | T | 4,93E-05 |
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| 1 | rs2027439 | 226575749 | T | 4,96E-05 |
| 1 | rs12132600 | 88834889 | C | 4,96E-05 |
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| 12 | rs10859980 | 96305958 | G | 5,28E-05 |
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| 2 | rs10208207 | 169074972 | T | 5,29E-05 |
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| 14 | rs78485589 | 73099398 | A | 5,33E-05 |
| 10 | rs10749145 | 115551895 | A | 5,35E-05 |
| 14 | rs9788484 | 78468342 | G | 5,39E-05 |
| 6 | rs9385608 | 132762095 | T | 5,41E-05 |
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| 5 | rs11738800 | 11609774 | T | 5,46E-05 |
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| 8 | rs1908220 | 119843056 | G | 5,60E-05 |
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| 5 | rs4412118 | 19208360 | G | 5,92E-05 |
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| 3 | rs71310877 | 190407918 | G | 6,02E-05 |
| 5 | rs13179201 | 36237238 | T | 6,03E-05 |
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| 2 | rs72961918 | 160122639 | C | 6,25E-05 |
| 2 | rs72961919 | 160122675 | A | 6,25E-05 |
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| 1 | rs1341335 | 226605081 | C | 6,29E-05 |

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| 9 | rs12338810 | 20683404 | T | 6,75E-05 |
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| 9 | rs10757143 | 20691188 | C | 6,75E-05 |
| 9 | rs7849140 | 105019413 | G | 6,77E-05 |
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| 9 | rs10821101 | 96022865 | G | 6,87E-05 |
| 5 | rs6556070 | 172769501 | T | 6,88E-05 |
| 4 | rs1118923 | 81806514 | T | 6,89E-05 |
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| 14 | rs1952884 | 56380030 | T | 6,97E-05 |
| 1 | rs4659118 | 119223020 | C | 6,99E-05 |

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| 7 | rs10479970 | 2349470 | C | 7,13E-05 |
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| 14 | rs9646177 | 98391492 | A | 7,22E-05 |
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| 1 | rs61781106 | 21258204 | A | 7,46E-05 |
| 2 | rs888012 | 202561571 | A | 7,48E-05 |
| 2 | rs759383 | 202562026 | T | 7,48E-05 |
| 2 | rs11677237 | 202562449 | C | 7,48E-05 |
| 4 | rs4835257 | 146697205 | C | 7,49E-05 |
| 2 | rs11904323 | 169125080 | A | 7,53E-05 |
| 14 | rs61980885 | 75023369 | T | 7,54E-05 |
| 14 | rs61980888 | 75031469 | C | 7,54E-05 |
| 14 | rs11622583 | 75033329 | G | 7,54E-05 |
| 14 | rs11624749 | 75040245 | T | 7,54E-05 |
| 13 | rs2764609 | 33719567 | G | 7,54E-05 |
| 1 | rs12123910 | 21233316 | T | 7,55E-05 |
| 4 | rs4128839 | 164203507 | G | 7,56E-05 |
| 1 | rs112916060 | 8028386 | T | 7,57E-05 |
| 4 | rs6814793 | 89043484 | T | 7,58E-05 |
| 4 | rs35155973 | 89043881 | C | 7,58E-05 |
| 4 | rs4485788 | 89045485 | C | 7,58E-05 |
| 4 | rs113877129 | 89045907 | T | 7,58E-05 |
| 4 | rs34855961 | 89046294 | G | 7,58E-05 |
| 1 | rs9333372 | 165600766 | G | 7,62E-05 |
| 12 | rs79253235 | 72123035 | C | 7,62E-05 |
| 7 | rs2402787 | 125324851 | G | 7,69E-05 |
| 7 | rs9986904 | 125347374 | C | 7,69E-05 |
| 1 | rs204069 | 29194818 | A | 7,80E-05 |
| 5 | rs13185969 | 36222746 | C | 7,84E-05 |
| 2 | rs11689463 | 160130670 | C | 7,87E-05 |
| 5 | rs6866194 | 94919966 | G | 7,88E-05 |
| 5 | rs10075022 | 94923063 | G | 7,88E-05 |
| 5 | rs58373522 | 94927426 | C | 7,88E-05 |
| 1 | rs1006055 | 214376776 | G | 7,91E-05 |

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| 7 | rs6597448 | 154413752 | G | 7,97E-05 |
| 14 | rs8013528 | 55714840 | T | 7,99E-05 |
| 2 | rs2166963 | 169000293 | A | 8,02E-05 |
| 2 | rs16854798 | 169001183 | G | 8,02E-05 |
| 4 | rs11939704 | 146685889 | A | 8,09E-05 |
| 9 | rs73513289 | 94574413 | C | 8,12E-05 |
| 12 | rs11171733 | 56456266 | A | 8,12E-05 |
| 14 | rs757655 | 73104995 | C | 8,13E-05 |
| 18 | rs11664972 | 73807637 | C | 8,18E-05 |
| 1 | rs2793382 | 226583417 | C | 8,22E-05 |
| 1 | rs2793380 | 226588977 | C | 8,22E-05 |
| 1 | rs2793657 | 226590972 | T | 8,22E-05 |
| 9 | rs7855954 | 111152035 | C | 8,22E-05 |
| 6 | rs6902708 | 55445723 | G | 8,27E-05 |
| 5 | rs10052586 | 19198566 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs11950345 | 19198927 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs4397134 | 19199789 | C | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6451029 | 19201678 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs9687338 | 19202067 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs2068059 | 19202599 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs35794281 | 19202993 | T | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs10040567 | 19204482 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs7727629 | 19204636 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs7714511 | 19204894 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6875122 | 19205362 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs4543270 | 19205623 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs4587077 | 19205647 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs10039320 | 19206475 | T | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs4470766 | 19206652 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs10071746 | 19209872 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6451040 | 19210770 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6451041 | 19210848 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6451042 | 19210892 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs10472238 | 19211507 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs10069183 | 19211787 | T | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs4273605 | 19212596 | C | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6858971 | 19213064 | T | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs59447723 | 19213680 | A | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs10067330 | 19214069 | T | 8,28E-05 |
| 6 | rs1812254 | 91363475 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 6 | rs2750442 | 91363972 | G | 8,28E-05 |
| 5 | rs6880453 | 11612275 | T | 8,28E-05 |
| 2 | rs2217627 | 157458983 | A | 8,29E-05 |
| 9 | rs7468319 | 20692664 | T | 8,30E-05 |
| 2 | rs12612984 | 169127120 | C | 8,31E-05 |

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| 11 | rs1357822 | 90588154 | G | 8,33E-05 |
| 14 | rs763402 | 37171951 | C | 8,39E-05 |
| 11 | rs4757026 | 20068489 | C | 8,40E-05 |
| 6 | rs3016563 | 162192856 | A | 8,42E-05 |
| 6 | rs3016562 | 162192874 | A | 8,42E-05 |
| 6 | rs9321343 | 132761433 | T | 8,50E-05 |
| 4 | rs28882506 | 26065733 | T | 8,51E-05 |
| 1 | rs6676364 | 230364875 | C | 8,55E-05 |
| 14 | rs2803962 | 73083240 | C | 8,56E-05 |
| 1 | rs12086543 | 90475947 | A | 8,56E-05 |
| 1 | rs1223810 | 214366917 | A | 8,58E-05 |
| 4 | rs17082893 | 54353275 | A | 8,58E-05 |
| 4 | rs11133276 | 54369040 | A | 8,58E-05 |
| 1 | rs2601634 | 215165933 | T | 8,59E-05 |
| 14 | rs8009244 | 55643752 | G | 8,63E-05 |
| 6 | rs7773447 | 34405046 | C | 8,65E-05 |
| 10 | rs2421621 | 93400101 | T | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs7897524 | 93404374 | C | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs7900799 | 93404478 | C | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs10786008 | 93404791 | G | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs4933682 | 93406388 | T | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs4933687 | 93410399 | C | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs10881942 | 93415020 | G | 8,66E-05 |
| 10 | rs4933691 | 93419957 | T | 8,66E-05 |
| 1 | rs61824933 | 228992953 | T | 8,67E-05 |
| 12 | rs7309194 | 39207946 | A | 8,69E-05 |
| 9 | rs6477643 | 111150567 | C | 8,74E-05 |
| 5 | rs4242174 | 172769871 | T | 8,80E-05 |
| 15 | rs7165146 | 44951174 | A | 8,81E-05 |
| 11 | rs2691827 | 90594585 | T | 8,84E-05 |
| 6 | rs7749222 | 151006811 | A | 8,86E-05 |
| 16 | rs41189 | 49280655 | T | 8,87E-05 |
| 1 | rs2209559 | 68840797 | A | 8,88E-05 |
| 10 | rs4935669 | 58613853 | A | 8,91E-05 |
| 10 | rs11005558 | 58617952 | G | 8,91E-05 |
| 10 | rs11005559 | 58618079 | C | 8,91E-05 |
| 15 | rs8042904 | 89295527 | G | 9,01E-05 |
| 15 | rs11855547 | 89295727 | G | 9,01E-05 |
| 4 | rs13117307 | 56751740 | T | 9,08E-05 |
| 20 | rs2144936 | 6118980 | C | 9,10E-05 |
| 2 | rs13018829 | 169122644 | C | 9,14E-05 |
| 2 | rs16855212 | 169125462 | G | 9,14E-05 |
| 2 | rs2954942 | 169129878 | C | 9,14E-05 |
| 2 | rs12618383 | 160117960 | C | 9,15E-05 |
| 2 | rs35362233 | 160120317 | C | 9,15E-05 |

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| 2 | rs13015480 | 160130449 | G | 9,15E-05 |
| 9 | rs10122604 | 20678602 | A | 9,16E-05 |
| 9 | rs10964655 | 20679192 | A | 9,16E-05 |
| 9 | rs10123948 | 20685097 | T | 9,16E-05 |
| 9 | rs10117816 | 20685335 | G | 9,16E-05 |
| 9 | rs7029956 | 20686095 | T | 9,16E-05 |
| 9 | rs10964658 | 20686561 | G | 9,16E-05 |
| 2 | rs62153949 | 97844541 | G | 9,17E-05 |
| 1 | rs17422436 | 87834794 | A | 9,17E-05 |
| 4 | rs10016055 | 81807865 | A | 9,17E-05 |
| 1 | rs3118386 | 68839242 | T | 9,17E-05 |
| 1 | rs2225019 | 68844739 | T | 9,17E-05 |
| 1 | rs6662428 | 215167236 | A | 9,19E-05 |
| 7 | rs1419708 | 125321117 | T | 9,31E-05 |
| 8 | rs1436001 | 58694706 | T | 9,31E-05 |
| 14 | rs4904900 | 92876837 | G | 9,32E-05 |
| 2 | rs13002388 | 169109956 | G | 9,32E-05 |
| 2 | rs11902894 | 169115051 | G | 9,32E-05 |
| 2 | rs34752169 | 169118135 | G | 9,32E-05 |
| 2 | rs34374282 | 169118454 | A | 9,32E-05 |
| 2 | rs7568957 | 169121700 | T | 9,32E-05 |
| 2 | rs7569089 | 169121841 | T | 9,32E-05 |
| 1 | rs587727 | 109685273 | A | 9,36E-05 |
| 1 | rs3811488 | 230371883 | G | 9,43E-05 |
| 1 | rs12563741 | 230375523 | G | 9,43E-05 |
| 10 | rs10884356 | 108513688 | T | 9,48E-05 |
| 4 | rs6840343 | 54359680 | T | 9,48E-05 |
| 4 | rs6822201 | 54359743 | C | 9,48E-05 |
| 2 | rs205638 | 74950067 | A | 9,49E-05 |
| 11 | rs4944616 | 86357637 | T | 9,49E-05 |
| 7 | rs4721571 | 2350184 | C | 9,50E-05 |
| 7 | rs4721573 | 2350433 | A | 9,50E-05 |
| 7 | rs4442022 | 2351981 | C | 9,50E-05 |
| 1 | rs6677172 | 226542114 | C | 9,53E-05 |
| 1 | rs10915986 | 226543113 | T | 9,53E-05 |
| 1 | rs872850 | 69136972 | G | 9,55E-05 |
| 12 | rs1733488 | 63068496 | A | 9,55E-05 |
| 6 | rs4330563 | 110120131 | T | 9,55E-05 |
| 6 | rs4072342 | 110120524 | A | 9,55E-05 |
| 1 | rs1354724 | 64208224 | G | 9,55E-05 |
| 22 | rs4822660 | 26229211 | A | 9,64E-05 |
| 22 | rs4822661 | 26229502 | T | 9,64E-05 |
| 6 | rs9371467 | 151002593 | A | 9,65E-05 |
| 7 | rs4731260 | 125317331 | G | 9,67E-05 |
| 7 | rs1419709 | 125331471 | C | 9,67E-05 |

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| 2 | rs10865026 | 109545056 | G | 9,71E-05 |
| 14 | rs11845284 | 55683908 | C | 9,71E-05 |
| 14 | rs35082180 | 55695579 | T | 9,71E-05 |
| 21 | rs928771 | 39663760 | G | 9,72E-05 |
| 18 | rs35584308 | 64914659 | T | 9,75E-05 |
| 6 | rs9382508 | 55439506 | A | 9,76E-05 |
| 8 | rs2087998 | 119852446 | G | 9,78E-05 |
| 2 | rs7574710 | 160133417 | A | 9,79E-05 |
| 2 | rs11676586 | 160136638 | A | 9,79E-05 |
| 5 | rs12189111 | 94928729 | T | 9,79E-05 |
| 5 | rs73777201 | 94931527 | C | 9,79E-05 |
| 17 | rs12938531 | 8125541 | G | 9,79E-05 |
| 2 | rs7560573 | 160115292 | C | 9,80E-05 |
| 2 | rs56349910 | 160115743 | T | 9,80E-05 |
| 2 | rs12618342 | 160117889 | T | 9,80E-05 |
| 1 | rs12022191 | 233651728 | A | 9,80E-05 |
| 10 | rs2419869 | 115549796 | A | 9,83E-05 |
| 10 | rs72823238 | 108517631 | G | 9,84E-05 |
| 10 | rs11193039 | 108520843 | C | 9,84E-05 |
| 10 | rs1338760 | 108523324 | C | 9,84E-05 |
| 1 | rs9333379 | 165601566 | C | 9,86E-05 |
| 2 | rs205634 | 74955353 | C | 9,87E-05 |
| 2 | rs205633 | 74955369 | G | 9,87E-05 |
| 12 | rs1095571 | 39182859 | T | 9,88E-05 |
| 12 | rs851931 | 39184935 | A | 9,88E-05 |
| 12 | rs826836 | 39185406 | A | 9,88E-05 |
| 12 | rs73089563 | 39206506 | T | 9,88E-05 |
| 16 | rs194416 | 49283154 | C | 9,90E-05 |
| 4 | rs7682199 | 54343363 | G | 9,93E-05 |
| 1 | rs4548408 | 214314948 | G | 9,94E-05 |
| 4 | rs11734681 | 54353092 | A | 9,94E-05 |
| 3 | rs9872789 | 85344869 | C | 9,96E-05 |
| 3 | rs9883528 | 85379001 | C | 9,96E-05 |
| 3 | rs7645550 | 178968634 | T | 9,98E-05 |
| 1 | rs9442146 | 99169289 | G | 1,00E-04 |
| 1 | rs9434377 | 99170631 | A | 1,00E-04 |

Supplementary Table 4: Host genes associated with MUD SNPs identified using SNPnexus GAD.

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| Host Genes |
| PARK7 |
| SPEN |
| EIF4G3 |
| EPHB2 |

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| SLC9A1 |
| MTF1 |
| CAPN8 |
| PARP1 |
| RET |
| LIPA |
| ANK3 |
| SORCS1 |
| NAV2 |
| GPR109A |
| TPH2 |
| DAO |
| STARD13 |
| CNTNAP2 |
| ANG |
| SPG11 |
| TNP2 |
| PFAS |
| RAX |
| UNC13A |
| TPO |
| MPP4 |
| TGM6 |
| MLL3 |
| MYO18B |
| LARGE |
| LRRN1 |
| TKT |
| KCNMB3 |
| PEX5L |
| HTT |
| HTRA3 |
| TEC |
| NRAS |
| ABCG2 |
| GC |
| CTNND2 |
| AMACR |
| C1QTNF3 |
| PPP1R2P3 |
| RBMXP1 |
| PLEKHG1 |
| PARK2 |
| DPP6 |
| TDPX2 |

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| ROR2 |
| WNK2 |
| MGST3 |
| CPN1 |
| SF1 |
| PPM1H |
| SLC25A21 |
| LTBP2 |
| PKD1L2 |
| ZNF138 |
| PIGF |
| EDAR |
| GPD2 |
| PIK3CB |
| LNX1 |
| FLJ22536 |
| CALN1 |
| SLC39A1 |
| GALNT2 |
| ZNF32 |
| AGK |
| MUC19 |
| SLC26A5 |
| TMEM132D |
| LMO7 |
| ABCB1 |
| SLC24A4 |
| SYT17 |
| CDH3 |
| CLIP4 |
| PTPRN2 |
| CMYA3 |
| STK39 |
| LRRN4 |
| FIP1L1 |
| CAP2 |
| PTP4A2 |
| AGBL3 |
| ZNF92 |
| YPEL5 |
| NTNG1 |
| SEPT10 |
| HSP90AA2 |
| VIT |
| XIRP2 |

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| NCAM2 |
| LSAMP |
| SLC4A4 |
| FGF2 |
| ZNF827 |
| SEMA3D |
| NFIA |
| ZNF107 |
| ANKRD27 |
| TACC2 |
| ADAM12 |
| SLC6A5 |
| KIAA1797 |
| KIAA1324 |
| C4ORF22 |
| MPDZ |
| INPP5F |
| DHFRP2 |
| PHTF2 |
| LDLRAD3 |
| ZNF408 |
| ME3 |
| SCARB1 |
| PUS7 |
| FIG4 |
| HMLL1 |
| CADM2 |
| KCNJ15 |
| C7orf44 |
| PKD1L1 |
| CCDC38 |

Supplementary Table 5: Top 50 GO biological processes associated with MUD host genes obtained via Enrichr.

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|---|----------|------------------|------------|---------|
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:2000651) | 3,79E-05 | 0,10 | 43,64 | 444,23 |
| vocal learning (GO:0042297) | 5,72E-04 | 0,42 | 53,33 | 398,23 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transport (GO:1902307) | 5,72E-04 | 0,36 | 53,33 | 398,23 |

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| imitative learning (GO:0098596) | 5,72 E-04 | 0,32 | 53,33 | 398, 23 |
| positive regulation of autophagy of mitochondrion (GO:1903599) | 7,97 E-04 | 0,41 | 45,71 | 326, 14 |
| positive regulation of ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:0032414) | 1,17 E-05 | 0,06 | 27,83 | 315, 89 |
| positive regulation of ion transmembrane transport (GO:0034767) | 1,36 E-03 | 0,58 | 35,56 | 234, 79 |
| positive regulation of monooxygenase activity (GO:0032770) | 3,85 E-04 | 0,39 | 20,87 | 164, 07 |
| neuron cell-cell adhesion (GO:0007158) | 3,36 E-03 | 0,86 | 22,86 | 130, 21 |
| positive regulation of muscle hypertrophy (GO:0014742) | 3,36 E-03 | 0,82 | 22,86 | 130, 21 |
| positive regulation of transporter activity (GO:0032411) | 3,36 E-03 | 0,78 | 22,86 | 130, 21 |
| positive regulation of cation channel activity (GO:2001259) | 8,55 E-04 | 0,40 | 16,00 | 113, 02 |
| negative regulation of response to wounding (GO:1903035) | 4,39 E-03 | 0,93 | 20,00 | 108, 56 |
| hyaluronan catabolic process (GO:0030214) | 4,39 E-03 | 0,90 | 20,00 | 108, 56 |
| positive regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010613) | 4,39 E-03 | 0,86 | 20,00 | 108, 56 |
| dendritic spine morphogenesis (GO:0060997) | 4,39 E-03 | 0,83 | 20,00 | 108, 56 |
| positive regulation of calcium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:1901021) | 4,96 E-03 | 0,87 | 18,82 | 99,9 0 |
| positive regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903861) | 4,96 E-03 | 0,84 | 18,82 | 99,9 0 |
| detection of mechanical stimulus (GO:0050982) | 4,96 E-03 | 0,82 | 18,82 | 99,9 0 |
| insulin secretion (GO:0030073) | 5,55 E-03 | 0,86 | 17,78 | 92,3 3 |
| regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903859) | 5,55 E-03 | 0,83 | 17,78 | 92,3 3 |
| positive regulation of action potential (GO:0045760) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of oxidative stress-induced neuron intrinsic apoptotic signalling pathway (GO:1903376) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| negative regulation of transforming growth factor beta production (GO:0071635) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of transforming growth factor beta2 production (GO:0032909) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| synaptic transmission, glycinergic (GO:0060012) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of skeletal muscle satellite cell proliferation (GO:0014842) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |

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| positive regulation of cholesterol storage (GO:0010886) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| mRNA 3'-splice site recognition (GO:0000389) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| cellular triglyceride homeostasis (GO:0035356) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| indolalkylamine metabolic process (GO:0006586) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of NAD(P)H oxidase activity (GO:0033860) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of adiponectin secretion (GO:0070163) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| ceramide transport (GO:0035627) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of anion channel activity (GO:0010359) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| cellular response to magnesium ion (GO:0071286) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| negative regulation of delayed rectifier potassium channel activity (GO:1902260) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| regulation of mesenchymal stem cell differentiation (GO:2000739) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| insulin secretion involved in cellular response to glucose stimulus (GO:0035773) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| sterol import (GO:0035376) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| negative regulation of interleukin-6 secretion (GO:1900165) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| L-amino acid import (GO:0043092) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| cholesterol import (GO:0070508) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| negative regulation of amino acid transport (GO:0051956) | 3,69 E-02 | 1,00 | 26,67 | 87,9 7 |
| vesicle-mediated transport in synapse (GO:0099003) | 1,46 E-03 | 0,57 | 13,33 | 87,0 2 |
| positive regulation of receptor activity (GO:2000273) | 1,59 E-03 | 0,58 | 12,97 | 83,6 3 |
| regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:2000649) | 1,59 E-03 | 0,54 | 12,97 | 83,6 3 |
| regulation of cellular pH (GO:0030641) | 1,71 E-03 | 0,55 | 12,63 | 80,4 5 |
| neuromuscular junction development (GO:0007528) | 6,84 E-03 | 1,00 | 16,00 | 79,7 6 |
| hyaluronan metabolic process (GO:0030212) | 7,53 E-03 | 1,00 | 15,24 | 74,5 0 |

Supplementary Table 6: Top 50 miRNA associated with MUD host genes obtained via Enrichr TargetScan 2017 database.

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|---|---------|------------------|------------|---------|
| hsa-miR-184 | 0,08 | 1,00 | 12,31 | 31,35 |
| hsa-miR-191 | 0,08 | 1,00 | 12,31 | 31,35 |
| hsa-miR-346 | 0,03 | 1,00 | 7,27 | 25,29 |
| hsa-miR-150 | 0,02 | 1,00 | 5,33 | 21,17 |
| hsa-miR-223 | 0,02 | 1,00 | 4,90 | 18,35 |
| hsa-miR-432 | 0,06 | 1,00 | 5,25 | 15,14 |
| hsa-miR-508 | 0,07 | 1,00 | 4,78 | 12,99 |
| hsa-miR-302B | 0,07 | 1,00 | 4,64 | 12,38 |
| hsa-miR-513 | 0,04 | 1,00 | 3,84 | 12,02 |
| hsa-miR-382 | 0,07 | 1,00 | 4,44 | 11,53 |
| hsa-miR-499 | 0,08 | 1,00 | 4,16 | 10,30 |
| hsa-miR-518A-2 | 0,04 | 1,00 | 3,00 | 9,33 |
| hsa-miR-149 | 0,06 | 1,00 | 3,29 | 9,05 |
| hsa-miR-26A, hsa-miR-26B | 0,04 | 1,00 | 2,66 | 8,50 |
| hsa-miR-335 | 0,10 | 1,00 | 3,68 | 8,36 |
| hsa-miR-25, hsa-miR-32, hsa-miR-92, hsa-miR-363, hsa-miR-367 | 0,05 | 1,00 | 2,57 | 7,93 |
| hsa-miR-30A-5P, hsa-miR-30C, hsa-miR-30D, hsa-miR-30B, hsa-miR-30E-5P | 0,03 | 1,00 | 2,20 | 7,73 |
| hsa-miR-202 | 0,13 | 1,00 | 3,14 | 6,31 |
| hsa-miR-452 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 2,86 | 5,32 |
| hsa-miR-374 | 0,10 | 1,00 | 2,25 | 5,09 |
| hsa-miR-217 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 2,78 | 5,07 |
| hsa-miR-510 | 0,25 | 1,00 | 3,56 | 4,99 |
| hsa-miR-377 | 0,13 | 1,00 | 2,40 | 4,89 |
| hsa-miR-9 | 0,09 | 1,00 | 1,92 | 4,52 |
| hsa-miR-218 | 0,11 | 1,00 | 1,99 | 4,43 |
| hsa-miR-96 | 0,12 | 1,00 | 2,11 | 4,41 |
| hsa-miR-185 | 0,18 | 1,00 | 2,58 | 4,40 |
| hsa-miR-130A, hsa-miR-301, hsa-miR-130B | 0,11 | 1,00 | 1,98 | 4,35 |
| hsa-miR-324-5P | 0,27 | 1,00 | 3,20 | 4,20 |
| hsa-miR-383 | 0,27 | 1,00 | 3,20 | 4,20 |
| hsa-miR-19A, hsa-miR-19B | 0,11 | 1,00 | 1,85 | 4,15 |
| hsa-miR-29A, hsa-miR-29B, hsa-miR-29C | 0,11 | 1,00 | 1,84 | 4,09 |
| hsa-miR-103, hsa-miR-107 | 0,16 | 1,00 | 2,17 | 3,97 |
| hsa-miR-507 | 0,20 | 1,00 | 2,44 | 3,96 |
| hsa-miR-373 | 0,17 | 1,00 | 2,11 | 3,75 |
| hsa-miR-200A | 0,29 | 1,00 | 2,96 | 3,69 |
| hsa-miR-125B, hsa-miR-125A | 0,15 | 1,00 | 1,94 | 3,65 |

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|--|------|------|------|------|
| hsa-miR-182 | 0,15 | 1,00 | 1,93 | 3,62 |
| hsa-miR-22 | 0,18 | 1,00 | 2,07 | 3,58 |
| hsa-miR-135A, hsa-miR-135B | 0,16 | 1,00 | 1,89 | 3,45 |
| hsa-miR-9 | 0,18 | 1,00 | 2,03 | 3,45 |
| hsa-miR-486 | 0,31 | 1,00 | 2,76 | 3,27 |
| hsa-miR-526C, hsa-miR-518F, hsa-miR-526A | 0,31 | 1,00 | 2,76 | 3,27 |
| hsa-miR-302C | 0,19 | 1,00 | 1,98 | 3,23 |
| hsa-miR-345 | 0,31 | 1,00 | 2,67 | 3,09 |
| hsa-miR-200B, hsa-miR-200C, hsa-miR-429 | 0,17 | 1,00 | 1,70 | 3,00 |
| hsa-miR-488 | 0,32 | 1,00 | 2,58 | 2,92 |
| hsa-miR-370 | 0,25 | 1,00 | 2,06 | 2,84 |
| hsa-miR-384 | 0,33 | 1,00 | 2,50 | 2,76 |
| hsa-miR-512-3P | 0,26 | 1,00 | 2,03 | 2,73 |

Supplementary Table 7: Genes identified exclusively in the MUD cohort dataset via SNPnexus GAD.

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| Host Genes |
| PARK7 |
| EIF4G3 |
| SLC9A1 |
| PARP1 |
| SORCS1 |
| STARD13 |
| SPG11 |
| PFAS |
| UNC13A |
| MPP4 |
| MYO18B |
| LARGE |
| KCNMB3 |
| PEX5L |
| ABCG2 |
| CTNND2 |
| AMACR |
| C1QTNF3 |
| PPP1R2P3 |
| PLEKHG1 |
| PARK2 |
| DPP6 |
| ROR2 |
| WNK2 |
| MGST3 |
| PPM1H |

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| SLC25A21 |
| LTBP2 |
| PKD1L2 |
| EDAR |
| GPD2 |
| PIK3CB |
| LNK1 |
| GALNT2 |
| MUC19 |
| TMEM132D |
| LMO7 |
| SLC24A4 |
| SYT17 |
| CLIP4 |
| CMYA3 |
| STK39 |
| FIP1L1 |
| YPEL5 |
| NTNG1 |
| XIRP2 |
| LSAMP |
| SLC4A4 |
| FGF2 |
| ZNF827 |
| NFIA |
| ANKRD27 |
| ADAM12 |
| KIAA1797 |
| KIAA1324 |
| C4ORF22 |
| LDLRAD3 |
| ME3 |

Supplementary Table 8: Top 50 GO biological processes associated with MUD host genes obtained via Enrichr when using the initial MUD dataset (no imputation).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|--|----------|------------------|------------|---------|
| regulation of SNARE complex assembly (GO:0035542) | 1,17E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 38,31 | 258,68 |
| response to muscle stretch (GO:0035994) | 1,17E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 38,31 | 258,68 |

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|--|----------|----------|-------|--------|
| vesicle-mediated transport in synapse (GO:0099003) | 1,28E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 13,98 | 93,12 |
| regulation of cellular pH (GO:0030641) | 1,49E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 13,26 | 86,31 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:2000651) | 1,77E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 31,35 | 198,60 |
| lysine metabolic process (GO:0006553) | 2,12E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 28,74 | 176,92 |
| carbohydrate derivative transport (GO:1901264) | 2,12E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 28,74 | 176,92 |
| lysine catabolic process (GO:0006554) | 2,12E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 28,74 | 176,92 |
| regulation of intracellular pH (GO:0051453) | 2,26E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 11,49 | 70,03 |
| neuron projection morphogenesis (GO:0048812) | 2,69E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 5,26 | 31,11 |
| neuron cell-cell adhesion (GO:0007158) | 2,90E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 24,63 | 143,92 |
| regulation of fibroblast migration (GO:0010762) | 2,90E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 24,63 | 143,92 |
| positive regulation of muscle hypertrophy (GO:0014742) | 2,90E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 24,63 | 143,92 |
| positive regulation of nervous system development (GO:0051962) | 3,61E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 9,76 | 54,90 |
| negative regulation of response to wounding (GO:1903035) | 3,79E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 21,55 | 120,13 |
| hyaluronan catabolic process (GO:0030214) | 3,79E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 21,55 | 120,13 |
| positive regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010613) | 3,79E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 21,55 | 120,13 |
| dendritic spine morphogenesis (GO:0060997) | 3,79E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 21,55 | 120,13 |

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|--|----------|----------|-------|--------|
| positive regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903861) | 4,28E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 20,28 | 110,60 |
| regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903859) | 4,80E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 19,16 | 102,27 |
| aspartate family amino acid catabolic process (GO:0009068) | 5,35E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 18,15 | 94,94 |
| hyaluronan metabolic process (GO:0030212) | 6,52E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 16,42 | 82,65 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010611) | 6,52E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 16,42 | 82,65 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle contraction by calcium ion signalling (GO:0010882) | 7,14E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 15,67 | 77,46 |
| positive regulation of endothelial cell proliferation (GO:0001938) | 7,25E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 7,61 | 37,48 |
| vitamin transport (GO:0051180) | 7,79E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 14,99 | 72,78 |
| positive regulation of ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:0032414) | 7,79E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 14,99 | 72,78 |
| dendritic spine organization (GO:0097061) | 9,17E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 13,79 | 64,71 |
| axonogenesis (GO:0007409) | 9,90E-03 | 1,00E+00 | 3,85 | 17,76 |
| positive regulation of synapse assembly (GO:0051965) | 1,06E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 12,77 | 58,01 |
| regulation of endothelial cell proliferation (GO:0001936) | 1,13E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 6,47 | 28,99 |
| carboxylic acid catabolic process (GO:0046395) | 1,22E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 11,89 | 52,37 |
| triglyceride homeostasis (GO:0070328) | 1,22E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 11,89 | 52,37 |
| dicarboxylic acid transport (GO:0006835) | 1,30E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 11,49 | 49,87 |

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|--|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| synaptic vesicle endocytosis (GO:0048488) | 1,30E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 11,49 | 49,87 |
| axon guidance (GO:0007411) | 1,38E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 4,34 | 18,56 |
| positive regulation of phospholipase C activity (GO:0010863) | 1,39E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 11,12 | 47,57 |
| dendrite morphogenesis (GO:0048813) | 1,57E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 10,45 | 43,43 |
| neuron projection development (GO:0031175) | 1,66E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 4,11 | 16,82 |
| cellular macromolecular complex assembly (GO:0034622) | 1,75E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 9,85 | 39,85 |
| regulation of synapse assembly (GO:0051963) | 1,85E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 9,58 | 38,23 |
| positive regulation of neuron projection development (GO:0010976) | 1,94E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 5,28 | 20,81 |
| actin polymerization or depolymerization (GO:0008154) | 1,95E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 9,32 | 36,71 |
| clathrin-dependent endocytosis (GO:0072583) | 2,25E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 8,62 | 32,69 |
| receptor-mediated endocytosis (GO:0006898) | 2,44E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 3,65 | 13,55 |
| bicarbonate transport (GO:0015701) | 2,47E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 8,21 | 30,39 |
| positive regulation of epithelial cell proliferation (GO:0050679) | 2,50E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 4,79 | 17,67 |
| negative regulation of response to external stimulus (GO:0032102) | 2,50E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 4,79 | 17,67 |
| amide biosynthetic process (GO:0043604) | 2,81E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 7,66 | 27,38 |
| regulation of MAPK cascade (GO:0043408) | 3,11E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 3,38 | 11,73 |

Supplementary Table 9: Top 50 miRNA associated with MUD host genes obtained via Enrichr using the TargetScan 2017 database, this data was obtained when using the initial MUD dataset (no imputation).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted value | P- Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| hsa-miR-4671-3p | 1,95E-05 | 1,33E-02 | 2,60 | 28,15 |
| hsa-miR-4536 | 2,81E-04 | 2,74E-02 | 2,18 | 17,81 |
| hsa-miR-4497 | 3,80E-04 | 2,88E-02 | 3,20 | 25,18 |
| hsa-miR-496 | 6,67E-04 | 4,14E-02 | 2,09 | 15,31 |
| hsa-miR-4317 | 8,92E-04 | 3,58E-02 | 2,05 | 14,38 |
| hsa-miR-4664-3p | 1,19E-03 | 4,27E-02 | 3,47 | 23,38 |
| hsa-miR-875-5p | 1,94E-03 | 5,76E-02 | 2,06 | 12,88 |
| hsa-miR-4745-3p | 2,49E-03 | 5,67E-02 | 2,35 | 14,09 |
| hsa-miR-1538 | 2,49E-03 | 5,49E-02 | 2,35 | 14,09 |
| hsa-miR-4474-5p | 2,62E-03 | 5,27E-02 | 1,96 | 11,66 |
| hsa-miR-1282 | 2,76E-03 | 5,23E-02 | 3,07 | 18,07 |
| hsa-miR-190b | 3,01E-03 | 5,41E-02 | 1,94 | 11,25 |
| hsa-miR-190 | 3,01E-03 | 5,27E-02 | 1,94 | 11,25 |
| hsa-miR-103b | 3,40E-03 | 5,40E-02 | 2,01 | 11,42 |
| hsa-miR-3669 | 3,95E-03 | 5,86E-02 | 3,51 | 19,42 |
| hsa-miR-3197 | 5,29E-03 | 6,70E-02 | 2,34 | 12,25 |
| hsa-miR-4796-5p | 5,78E-03 | 6,37E-02 | 1,91 | 9,83 |
| hsa-miR-502-3p | 6,54E-03 | 6,98E-02 | 1,81 | 9,09 |
| hsa-miR-501-3p | 6,54E-03 | 6,87E-02 | 1,81 | 9,09 |

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|-------------------------|----------|----------|------|-------|
| hsa-miR-1180 | 6,99E-03 | 7,02E-02 | 2,87 | 14,23 |
| hsa-miR-3651 | 7,86E-03 | 7,26E-02 | 2,06 | 9,99 |
| hsa-miR-1204 | 8,55E-03 | 7,69E-02 | 2,30 | 10,93 |
| hsa-miR-2964a-5p | 8,69E-03 | 7,71E-02 | 1,79 | 8,52 |
| hsa-miR-1295 | 9,87E-03 | 8,54E-02 | 2,25 | 10,39 |
| hsa-miR-1249 | 9,98E-03 | 8,52E-02 | 2,69 | 12,41 |
| hsa-miR-3676 | 1,10E-02 | 8,85E-02 | 2,47 | 11,12 |
| hsa-miR-4508 | 1,18E-02 | 8,68E-02 | 2,03 | 8,99 |
| hsa-miR-4703-3p | 1,19E-02 | 8,55E-02 | 1,77 | 7,86 |
| hsa-miR-648 | 1,22E-02 | 8,35E-02 | 1,74 | 7,64 |
| hsa-miR-4315 | 1,22E-02 | 8,27E-02 | 2,42 | 10,68 |
| hsa-miR-574-3p | 1,29E-02 | 8,45E-02 | 2,80 | 12,19 |
| hsa-miR-4473 | 1,41E-02 | 8,73E-02 | 1,82 | 7,76 |
| hsa-miR-1247 | 1,41E-02 | 8,69E-02 | 2,24 | 9,54 |
| hsa-miR-95 | 1,63E-02 | 9,61E-02 | 2,67 | 10,99 |
| hsa-miR-4732-5p | 1,67E-02 | 9,69E-02 | 1,75 | 7,14 |
| hsa-miR-3201 | 1,78E-02 | 1,01E-01 | 1,70 | 6,84 |
| hsa-miR-4791 | 1,78E-02 | 9,98E-02 | 1,70 | 6,84 |
| hsa-miR-3131 | 1,78E-02 | 9,90E-02 | 2,42 | 9,76 |
| hsa-miR-611 | 1,78E-02 | 9,82E-02 | 2,42 | 9,76 |
| hsa-miR-3186-5p | 1,84E-02 | 1,00E-01 | 2,61 | 10,42 |
| hsa-miR-3200-3p | 2,10E-02 | 1,10E-01 | 1,74 | 6,71 |
| hsa-miR-3152-3p | 2,11E-02 | 1,08E-01 | 1,64 | 6,33 |
| hsa-miR-4781-5p | 2,17E-02 | 1,10E-01 | 2,09 | 8,00 |
| hsa-miR-196a | 2,24E-02 | 1,08E-01 | 1,72 | 6,55 |

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|-------------------------|----------|----------|------|-------|
| hsa-miR-196b | 2,24E-02 | 1,08E-01 | 1,72 | 6,55 |
| hsa-miR-4787-5p | 2,24E-02 | 1,07E-01 | 1,99 | 7,56 |
| hsa-miR-503 | 2,27E-02 | 1,07E-01 | 1,66 | 6,27 |
| hsa-miR-1181 | 2,50E-02 | 1,12E-01 | 4,79 | 17,67 |
| hsa-miR-3622a-5p | 2,53E-02 | 1,12E-01 | 1,70 | 6,25 |
| hsa-miR-4694-5p | 2,62E-02 | 1,13E-01 | 1,63 | 5,93 |

Supplementary Table 10: Genes identified exclusively in the MUD cohort dataset via SNPnexus GAD when using the initial MUD dataset (no imputation).

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| Host Genes |
| BNC2 |
| SLC24A4 |
| BMP8A |
| NFIA |
| UNC13A |
| SLC4A4 |
| DNM3 |
| PPM1H |
| FGF2 |
| RGS6 |
| CCND2 |
| PDZD2 |
| KIF1A |
| DMD |
| KIAA1324 |
| ARHGEF7 |
| PCDH15 |
| EBF3 |
| NRXN3 |

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| BMP8B |
| CSMD1 |
| SLC25A21 |
| SLC7A8 |
| TMEM132D |
| AMACR |
| ZNF827 |
| DPYD |
| CLIP4 |
| EDAR |
| SLC45A2 |
| SCARB1 |
| C1QTNF3 |
| SLC28A1 |
| NTNG1 |
| SLC9A1 |
| PARP1 |
| OGDH |
| ANKRD27 |
| TMEM27 |
| CTNND2 |
| MGST3 |
| EIF4G3 |
| PRMT3 |
| COL22A1 |
| SPG11 |
| KCNMB3 |
| IL1RAPL1 |
| MPP4 |
| SYT17 |
| DEFA3 |
| HN1L |
| PARK2 |

LARGE

PPP1R2P3

ODZ4

MUC19

Supplementary Table 11: Top 50 GO biological processes associated with MUD exclusive host genes obtained via Enrichr when using the initial MUD dataset (no imputation).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|--|----------|------------------|------------|---------|
| response to muscle stretch (GO:0035994) | 2,74E-04 | 6,98E-01 | 79,37 | 651,06 |
| regulation of SNARE complex assembly (GO:0035542) | 2,74E-04 | 4,66E-01 | 79,37 | 651,06 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transporter activity (GO:2000651) | 4,17E-04 | 5,32E-01 | 64,94 | 505,40 |
| lysine metabolic process (GO:0006553) | 4,99E-04 | 5,09E-01 | 59,52 | 452,54 |
| carbohydrate derivative transport (GO:1901264) | 4,99E-04 | 4,25E-01 | 59,52 | 452,54 |
| lysine catabolic process (GO:0006554) | 4,99E-04 | 3,64E-01 | 59,52 | 452,54 |
| regulation of fibroblast migration (GO:0010762) | 6,86E-04 | 4,37E-01 | 51,02 | 371,68 |
| positive regulation of muscle hypertrophy (GO:0014742) | 6,86E-04 | 3,89E-01 | 51,02 | 371,68 |
| positive regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010613) | 9,01E-04 | 4,60E-01 | 44,64 | 313,03 |
| hyaluronan catabolic process (GO:0030214) | 9,01E-04 | 4,18E-01 | 44,64 | 313,03 |
| positive regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903861) | 1,02E-03 | 4,33E-01 | 42,02 | 289,44 |
| regulation of dendrite extension (GO:1903859) | 1,14E-03 | 4,49E-01 | 39,68 | 268,75 |
| vesicle-mediated transport in synapse (GO:0099003) | 1,51E-04 | 7,71E-01 | 28,96 | 254,77 |
| aspartate family amino acid catabolic process (GO:0009068) | 1,28E-03 | 4,65E-01 | 37,59 | 250,50 |
| positive regulation of vesicle fusion (GO:0031340) | 1,67E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243,65 |
| succinyl-CoA metabolic process (GO:0006104) | 1,67E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243,65 |
| equilibrioception (GO:0050957) | 1,67E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243,65 |

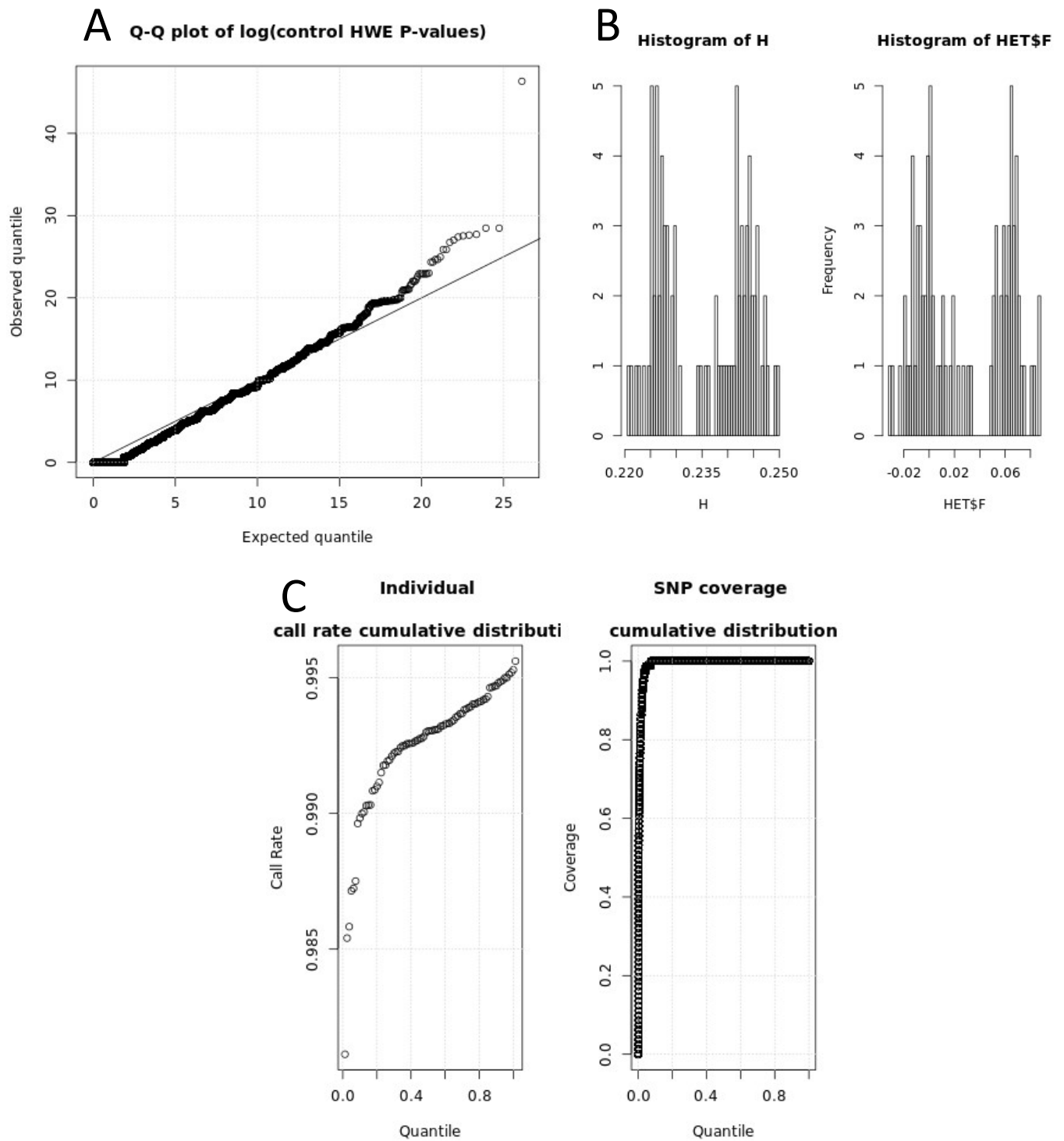
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|---|--------------|----------|-------|------------|
| sterol import (GO:0035376) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| regulation of skeletal muscle satellite cell proliferation (GO:0014842) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| positive regulation of cholesterol storage (GO:0010886) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| negative regulation of interleukin-6 secretion (GO:1900165) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| cellular triglyceride homeostasis (GO:0035356) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| regulation of adiponectin secretion (GO:0070163) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| positive regulation of sodium ion transmembrane transport (GO:1902307) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| cholesterol import (GO:0070508) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| positive regulation of fibroblast migration (GO:0010763) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| regulation of skeletal muscle contraction (GO:0014819) | 1,67 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 59,52 | 243, 65 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy (GO:0010611) | 1,56 E-03 | 5,32E-01 | 34,01 | 219, 77 |
| hyaluronan metabolic process (GO:0030212) | 1,56 E-03 | 4,98E-01 | 34,01 | 219, 77 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle contraction by calcium ion signalling (GO:0010882) | 1,72 E-03 | 5,15E-01 | 32,47 | 206, 75 |
| positive regulation of lamellipodium morphogenesis (GO:2000394) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| regulation of monocyte chemotactic protein-1 production (GO:0071637) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| positive regulation of calcineurin-NFAT signalling cascade (GO:0070886) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| mitochondrial DNA metabolic process (GO:0032042) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| regulation of cardiac muscle cell membrane potential (GO:0086036) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| regulation of endothelial cell chemotaxis to fibroblast growth factor (GO:2000544) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| detection of molecule of bacterial origin (GO:0032490) | 1,94 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 51,02 | 201, 04 |
| regulation of nitrogen compound metabolic process (GO:0051171) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| response to epinephrine (GO:0071871) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| negative regulation of exocytosis (GO:0045920) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| pyrimidine nucleobase metabolic process (GO:0006206) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |

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|---|--------------|----------|-------|------------|
| peptidyl-arginine methylation, to asymmetrical-dimethyl arginine (GO:0019919) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| lagging strand elongation (GO:0006273) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| cellular response to epinephrine stimulus (GO:0071872) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| regulation of ATP biosynthetic process (GO:2001169) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| polyol biosynthetic process (GO:0046173) | 2,22 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 44,64 | 170, 01 |
| peptidyl-arginine omega-N-methylation (GO:0035247) | 2,49 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 39,68 | 146, 50 |
| peptidyl-arginine methylation (GO:0018216) | 2,49 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 39,68 | 146, 50 |
| membrane disruption in other organism (GO:0051673) | 2,49 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 39,68 | 146, 50 |
| dynamin family protein polymerization involved in mitochondrial fission (GO:0003374) | 2,49 E-02 | 1,00E+00 | 39,68 | 146, 50 |

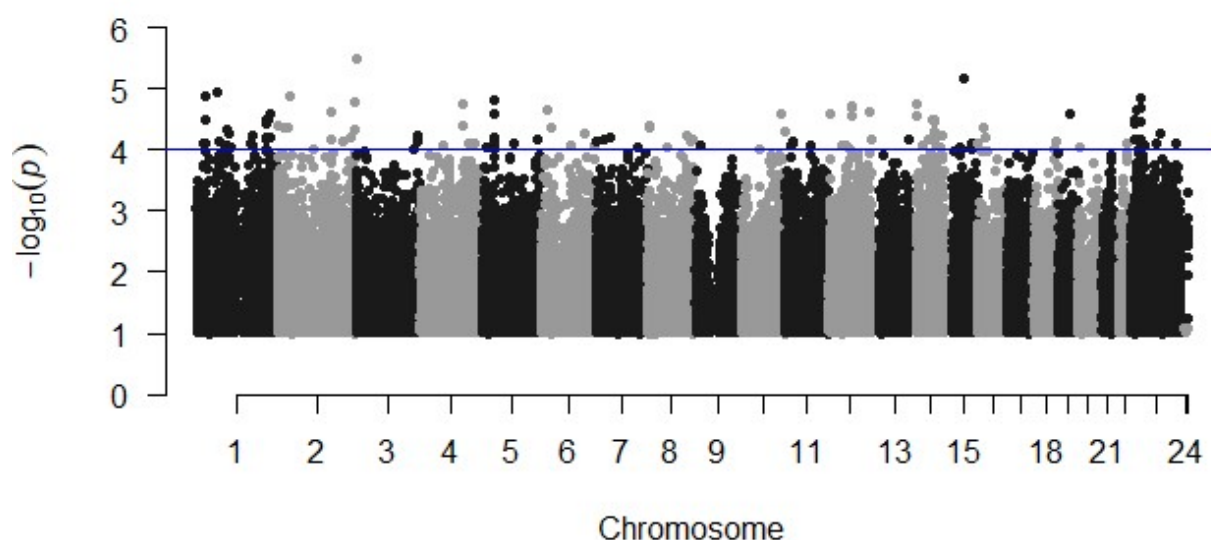
Supplementary Table 12: Top 50 miRNA associated with MUD exclusive host genes obtained via Enrichr using the TargetScan 2017 database, this data was obtained when using the initial MUD dataset (no imputation).

| Term | P-value | Adjusted P-value | Odds Ratio | Z-Score |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| hsa-miR-4536 | 2,42E-07 | 1,65E-04 | 3,73 | 56,77 |
| hsa-miR-496 | 9,75E-05 | 6,66E-03 | 2,96 | 27,31 |
| hsa-miR-4497 | 4,14E-04 | 1,35E-02 | 4,42 | 34,40 |
| hsa-miR-4703-3p | 8,86E-04 | 1,95E-02 | 2,65 | 18,66 |
| hsa-miR-3152-3p | 9,66E-04 | 1,69E-02 | 2,50 | 17,37 |
| hsa-miR-210 | 1,17E-03 | 1,86E-02 | 4,28 | 28,89 |
| hsa-miR-3200-3p | 1,26E-03 | 1,87E-02 | 2,70 | 18,02 |
| hsa-miR-1247 | 1,29E-03 | 1,87E-02 | 3,71 | 24,69 |
| hsa-miR-4317 | 1,50E-03 | 2,01E-02 | 2,51 | 16,30 |
| hsa-miR-503 | 1,68E-03 | 2,05E-02 | 2,48 | 15,82 |
| hsa-miR-648 | 1,79E-03 | 2,04E-02 | 2,46 | 15,56 |
| hsa-miR-921 | 2,10E-03 | 2,21E-02 | 2,42 | 14,89 |
| hsa-miR-3680 | 2,47E-03 | 2,51E-02 | 2,37 | 14,25 |
| hsa-miR-1282 | 2,83E-03 | 2,65E-02 | 4,23 | 24,84 |
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| hsa-miR-4759 | 2,95E-03 | 2,62E-02 | 2,44 | 14,22 |
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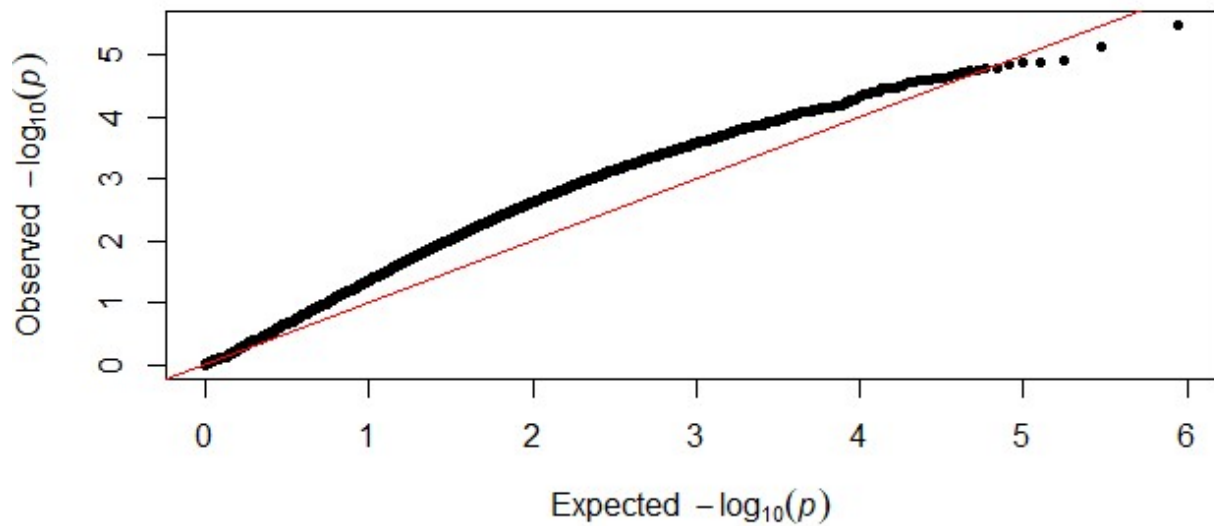
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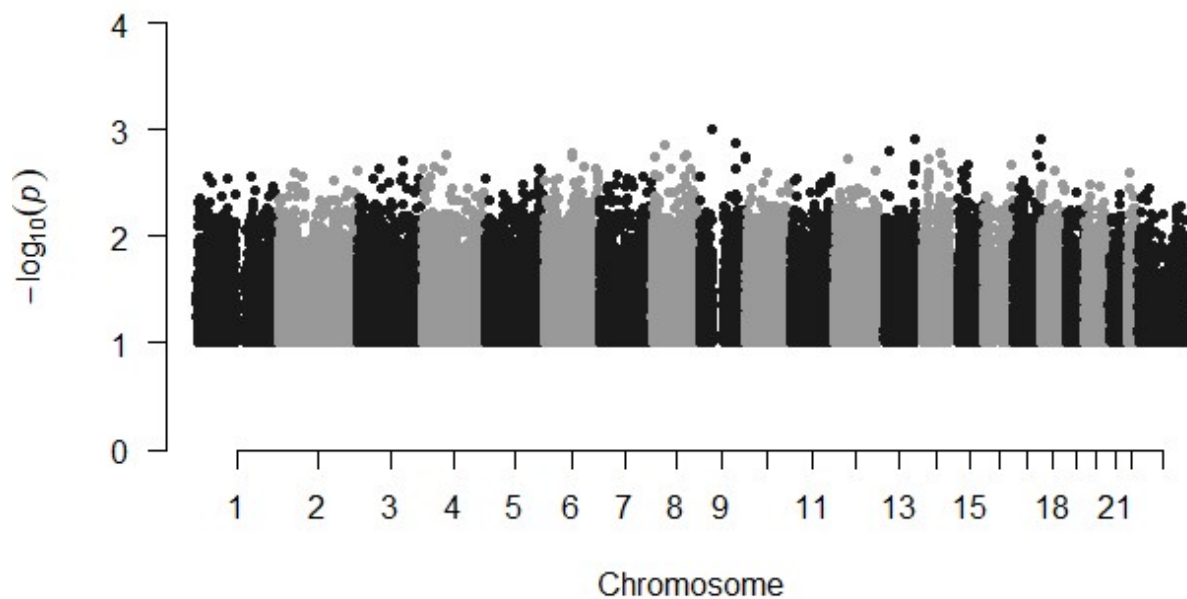
Supplementary Figure 1: A) Q-Q plot of HWE indicating the expected vs observed values. The separation from the expected HWE values indicate SNPs deviating from the applied threshold which were removed following quality control. B) Histograms visualising the heterozygosity-based distributions measured either using F statistics (calculated by plink) or H (calculated using observed homozygotes and the number of non-missing autosomal genotypes). C) Quantile plots of genotype call rates and SNP coverage were used to confirm the viability of the data for further analyses. These indicate the SNPs passing the threshold of 95% (i.e. 95% of individuals in the study were not missing data for aforementioned SNPs), and the coverage of the SNPs read-depths in proportion to the quantiles of the theoretical cumulative distribution function with SNPs presenting low coverage being removed from the data after quality control.



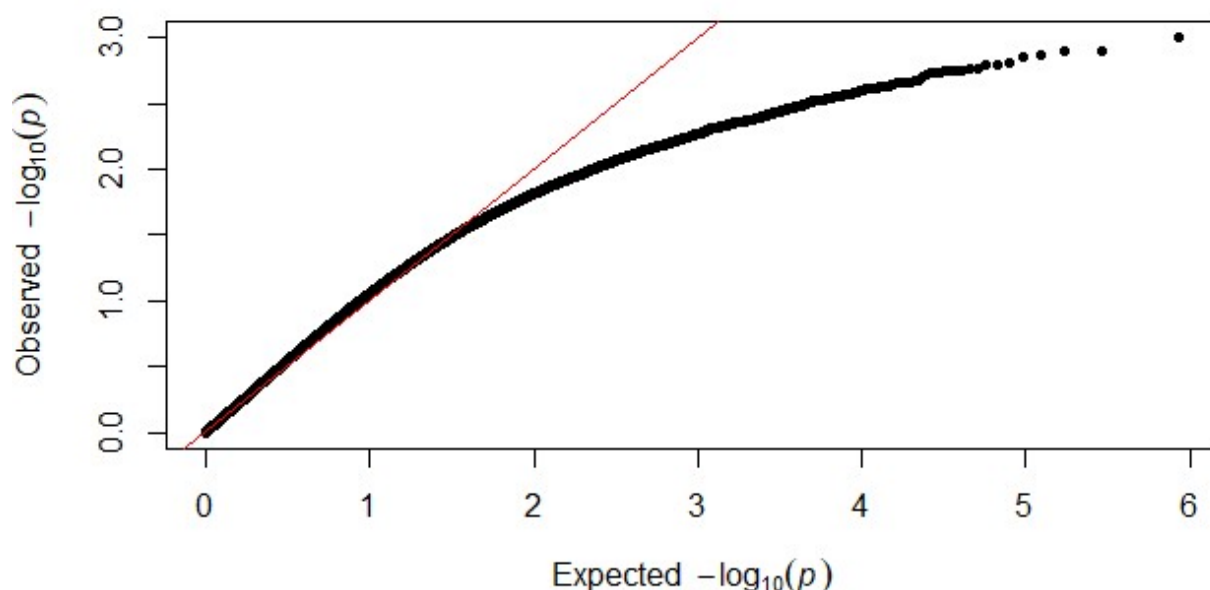
Supplementary Figure 2: Manhattan plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ logistic regression results for MUD cohort SNPs across each chromosome (where chr 24 refers to the sex chromosomes). A blue 'trend towards significance line' indicates SNPs passing the nominal significance threshold of 1×10^{-4} ($n = 125$).



Supplementary Figure 3: Q-Q plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ results of logistic regression analysis of surviving MUD cohort SNPs plotted against their expected values. Lambda (λ) (genomic inflation) was calculated to be 1.57485 by Plink.



Supplementary Figure 4: Manhattan plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ logistic regression results for MUD cohort SNPs across each chromosome (where chr 24 refers to the sex chromosomes) after adjusting for population stratification using PCs. As expected, once population stratification is adjusted for, the power to detect association decreases and no SNPs pass the nominal (1×10^{-4}) or genome-wide (5×10^{-8}) significance thresholds.



Supplementary Figure 5: Q-Q plot of $-\log_{10}(P)$ results of logistic regression analysis of surviving MUD cohort SNPs, after adjusting for population stratification using PCs, plotted against their expected values. Lambda (λ) (genomic inflation) was calculated to be 1.15717 by Plink.